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Major oil discovery reported in Pakistan

By Shahid Orakzai Arab News Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, June 26.—Union Texas has discovered a major oil field in the lower Indus basin as their exploratory well at Kashkeli 95 miles east of the port city of Karachi, started producing high quality sulphur-free crude in the first week of this month, officials disclosed here Friday.

During initial testing through a one-inch diameter pipe, the well was producing more than a 1,000 barrels per day and company officials were confident to raise the daily production to more than 10,000 barrels. However, Petroleum Minister, Rao Farman Ali, when contacted by Arab News said that the actual potential of the field three months time on completion of the testing. He said if the company's claims about the potential of the new oil field were true, Pakistan was almost on the threshold of self-sufficiency in oil.

Union Texas which is operating the joint venture with Pakistan's state-owned Oil and Gas Development Corporation (OGDC) began drilling the Kashkeli well May 14 last and struck oil in the shallow layer (about 4,500 ft) within three weeks of the spudding in. The quality of the crude was rated 35-38 OAPI and was sulphur-free, company officials said.

Oil exploration in the Lower Indus Basin had almost been abandoned after an American company drilled five dry wells in the region between 1957-61. The region was hitherto considered to be gas prone. The Union Texas and the Cities Services of the U.S. drilled two wells at Tarai and Patta after detailed seismic surveys and geochemical studies. In 1979-80 which encouraged them to continue their exploratory efforts in the basin. Three additional wildcats were drilled at Damiri, Jati and Kashkeli. The results of the other two were still awaited.

Gold slides; dollar surges

NEW YORK, June 26 (AFP)—Gold continued to fall when dealing opened here Friday, slumping \$9 an ounce to \$436. Since Wednesday gold has lost \$27.5 on the New York market. Dealing was as brisk as Thursday when 60,000 deals involving six million ounces were transacted. This was twice the volume of earlier trading sessions.

Some analysts forecast that gold will fall as far as \$400 an ounce, blaming the strength of the dollar, high interest rates, relative lack of tension in the world, and the oil glut.

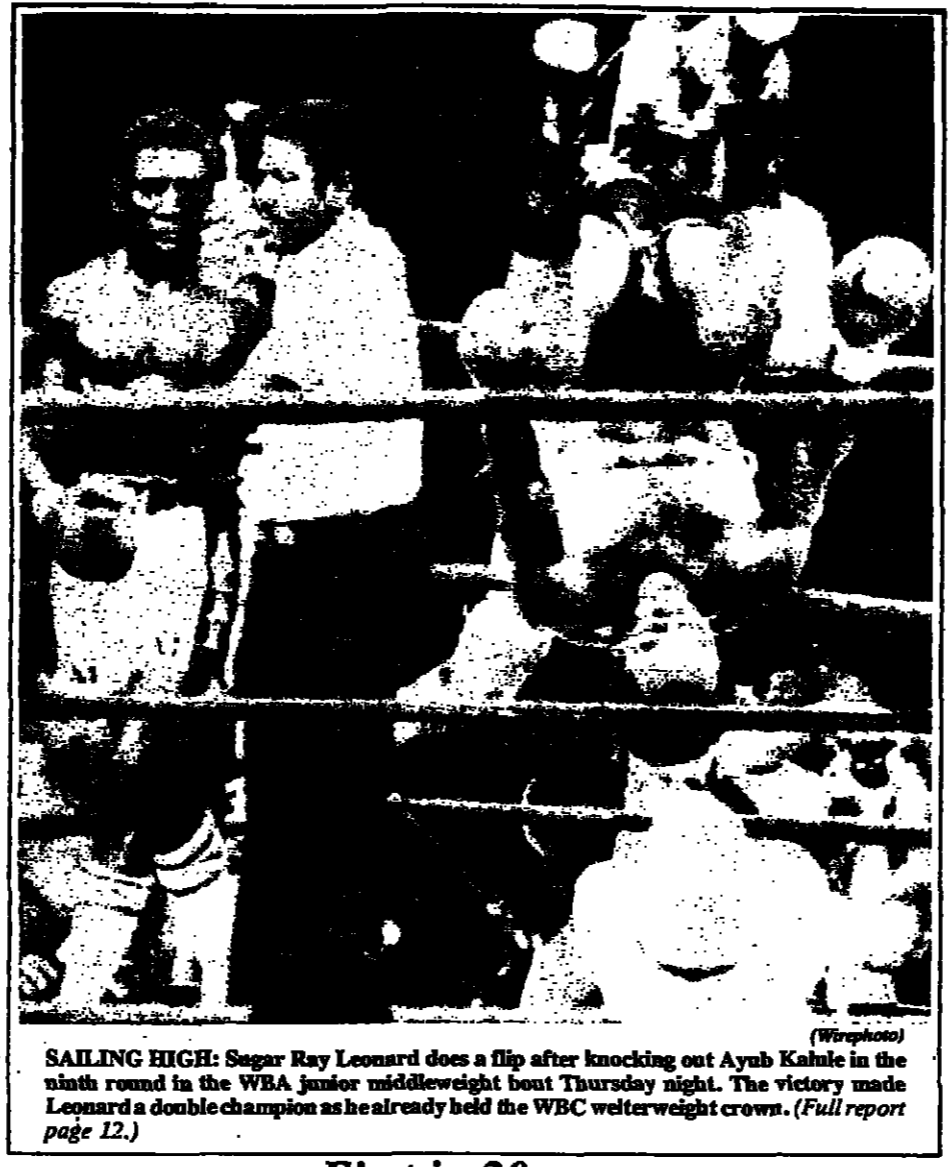
In London, meanwhile, dealers said the dollar climbed to its highest level for 23 years against the French franc Friday and gained ground against most major currencies, buoyed by rising dollar interest rates.

The franc was fixed in Paris at 5.7480 to the dollar and later declined further to around 5.76. Dealers said the market continued to react nervously to the recent Socialist victories in the presidential and parliamentary elections and the appointment of four Communist ministers to the French cabinet.

Higher rates paid on dollars deposited outside the United States, coupled with Washington's continued tight money policy, pushed the U.S. currency up to 2.3990 marks at the Frankfurt fixing. The rise came despite sales by the West German central bank of \$22.4 million. Sterling fell 1.5 cents below its close here Thursday to around \$1.94, while the Swiss franc was traded at 2.0390.

The dollar was boosted by a forecast Thursday from leading New York analyst Henry Kaufman, chief economist at Salomon Brothers, that U.S. interest rates could fall briefly, but would probably exceed recent highs in the coming year.

Most U.S. banks currently charged 20 percent to their best corporate customers. Gold, which has suffered in recent months as investors switched to the more attractive dollar, dipped to a new low Friday of \$443.75 an ounce at its morning fix here.



SAILING HIGH: Sagar Ray Leonard does a flip after knocking out Ayub Kalule in the ninth round in the WBA junior middleweight bout Thursday night. The victory made Leonard a double champion as he already held the WBC welterweight crown. (Full report page 12.)

Hassan addresses OAU Sahara promised referendum soon

NAIROBI, June 26 (AP)—Morocco's King Hassan II Friday took his nation a step closer to a peaceful settlement of the freedom struggle in Western Sahara by accepting for the first time the principle of a referendum in the territory, African summit sources reported.

Sources who heard Hassan speak at a closed session of the Organization of African Unity summit said he endorsed a "controlled referendum" with supervision by a group of African and Arab countries that would also include Spain, the former colonial power in Western Sahara. Hassan offered no further details, the sources said, and Moroccan delegates said details of a referendum plan "would come later."

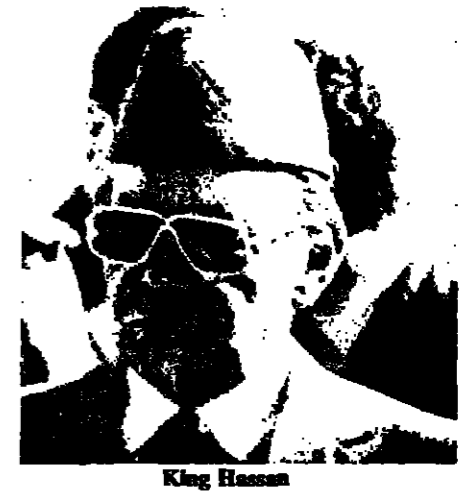
The Western Sahara conflict is the most contentious facing the OAU and has threatened the 18-year-old, 50-nation organization with the defection of a large number of moderate members. Morocco historically claims the territory and has for six years been fighting Polisario Front volunteers backed by Algeria and Libya.

Libya declared last week that the time had come to negotiate a settlement in the interest of Arab unity, and indicated it would seek to bring about discussions between Morocco and the Polisario Front. Hassan in a 35-minute speech in Arabic and French, said any referendum among the Western Sahara's 100,000 people would have to satisfy Morocco's national goals as well as those of the OAU, which had proposed a plebiscite to settle the future of the territory.

Hassan said that he was urged to change his earlier position of rejecting any referendum in the Sahara territory as a violation of Morocco's territorial integrity by many "friendly countries in the region and beyond, including Britain, France, West Germany and Spain. He said his proposal for a referendum was sought to achieve the objectives of the OAU Good Offices Committee, which has been trying to settle the conflict, as well as the "legitimate aspirations" of Morocco.

He did not spell out how a referendum would be organized and which countries would be involved in international supervision, but Moroccan sources said details would be left to the OAU to work out at a later stage. The King suggested that a neutral commission of inquiry should go to Tindouf, the Algerian oasis where some 50,000 refugees under Polisario supervision are alleged to have fled from Moroccan troops. The king said the commission would determine which of these refugees were genuinely of Western Sahara origin and thus would be entitled to a vote in the referendum.

He did not say whether acknowledged Saharans in Tindouf would vote on Algerian territory or would have to return to the



King Hassan Moroccan-controlled Sahara in order to vote. Moroccan sources said he made no specific reference to the Good Offices Committee's proposal that Moroccan troops should be confined to barracks during the referendum. A Polisario spokesman described the king's proposals as "obviously unacceptable to the Saharan people" but made no other comment. At the end of the king's speech, Moroccan delegation officials said Algerian President Chadli Benjedid sat in stony silence while the delegation of Libya — hitherto regarded as among Polisario's strongest allies — vigorously applauded.

First in 20 years China-India talks raise hopes

NEW DELHI, June 26 (Agencies)—The foreign ministers of India and China Friday expressed hopes for an amicable resolution of all existing bilateral problems, including a border dispute which has remained unsettled for nearly two decades.

However, the groundbreaking visit of China's Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Huang Hua to New Delhi was marred by demonstrations by some 2,000 Tibetan exiles demanding that Peking relinquish its claim to the Himalayan territory. "We had very good talks," Hua and his Indian counterpart P.V. Narasimha Rao said at the conclusion of an initial two-and-a-half-hour round of talks aimed at improving Sino-Indian relations.

The Sino-Indian border issue, frozen since the two Asian giants fought a bitter border war in 1962, was the main subject of discussions, informed sources said. The border issue concerns an Indian claim to territory northeast of Kashmir and a Chinese claim inside the northeast corner of India. An Indian Foreign Office spokesman said they had cordial talks on matters of common interest.

Speaking at a dinner in honor of Huang, Rao indicated that the border issue was a major hurdle in improving relations between the world's two most populous nations. "The border in particular, has tended to divide us, but it is our intention to look toward the future," Rao said.

Replying to the toast, Hua referred to differences between the two countries without specifically mentioning the border issue. He said differences could be resolved if both sides adopted "a spirit of mutual understand-

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Islamabad backs move EEC seeks talks on Afghan crisis

LUXEMBOURG, June 26 (G)—The Common Market governments have agreed to approach the Soviet Union, the United States and a number of nonaligned countries about convening a two-phase international conference to secure Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. The foreign ministers of the ten EEC countries agreed on a new effort to solve the Afghan crisis on an initiative from Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

Although it will be for EEC heads of government, who meet here Monday, to confirm the decision, it has already obtained backing from Pakistan and a number of nonaligned countries. It was understood here that the British government was taking responsibility for contacting the Soviet and U.S. governments to explain the EEC initiative, and the British ambassador in Moscow called on the Kremlin Tuesday.

According to senior sources in Luxembourg the plan is for a two-stage conference. The first would be held in Islamabad probably in November to which all members of the United Nations Security Council as well as Pakistan, Iran, India and members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference would be invited. It would deal exclusively with the problem of "external intervention in Afghanistan" and would not involve either the Kabul government or the other Afghan parties.

The second phase would then deal with the future character of the internal Afghan regime and would be open to the other parties to the conflict. Apart from the question of who should make up any new government in Kabul, this second conference would also discuss international assurances about Afghanistan's future status as a neutral and nonaligned state.

EEC foreign ministers were hoping that the plan for an Afghan peace conference would be kept secret until the EEC summit next week or at least until contact had been established with the Soviet Union. The hope is that the Soviet government, which has expressed an interest in the past in a conference to discuss "external aggression" would agree to taking the Afghan problem in two distinct phases.

The proposal is also in line with ideas advanced by Lord Carrington to meetings of EEC foreign ministers in the spring of last year, only months after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. At that time the foreign secretary suggested that the international community might be ready to guarantee the neutral status of Afghanistan once the Soviet Union had withdrawn its troops.

That approach was rejected by the Soviet government although there were reports on diplomatic contacts on a possible settlement conducted through Romanian government intermediaries. The Soviet government has insisted that it would only withdraw its troops once Pakistan and the United States had ceased giving support to Afghan freedom fighters.

There was considerable embarrassment in EEC diplomatic circles here that news of the initiative had leaked out. No one was willing to speculate on its chances of success although some EEC government officials pointed out that even if the Soviet Union turned down the idea of the conference, the very fact of the EEC approach would act as an additional deterrent to any possible Soviet intervention in Poland.

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District system ready for cabinet

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, June 26 — A four-day seminar at the Institute of Public Administration was told that the district system proposed by the government last year was almost complete and will be submitted to the Council of Ministers soon.

The seminar held for officials in ministries and municipalities was sponsored by the Interior Ministry to create support and awareness for the new system, according to *Saudi Business* Saturday.

Deputy Minister Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji said the proposals for the system turn on decentralization of government. It gives local councils for each province, substantial decision-making participation by the citizens. Provincial boundaries also may be slightly redrawn, and within each of the 14, the existing system of local districts or governorates will be rationalized.

The council will be chaired by the governor and consist of provincial or district representatives for each of the ministries in Riyadh as well as two representative citizens drawn from each of the province's newly defined local districts.

The district system will be the first of the



Prince Naif

fruits of the committee formed by King Khaled in March, last year, and chaired by Interior Minister Prince Naif with a mandate to draw up plans for the new system of government, the national consultative council and the provincial system.

The nine-man committee of ministers and scholars has been meeting weekly. The provincial system was delegated to a subcommittee headed by Prince Ahmad, the interior vice minister and includes Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh.



Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji

Awaji, Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, governor of Asir, Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, governor of Jauf, and Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, director general of security.

From an administrative point of view the council will make everyone's job easier, specifying in writing the roles of the governors, the ministries, the council and their inter-relationships. A key advantage according to Awaji, will be its impact on coordination between the various government agencies.

Jubail port business increases 50 percent

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, June 26 — Business at the new port of Jubail is increasing rapidly and port officials expect total tonnage to reach 2.5 million by the end of this year, an increase of 50 percent of the port's total capacity.

According to *Saudi Business* published here Saturday much of the imports is related to the construction or at Jubail industrial city, which will be the hub of the country's large

petrochemical industries. Muharak Al-Khaldi, public relations director, noted that only 30 ships per month are calling at present. A lot of the tonnage that the port handles is aggregate bought in from Ras Al-Khaimah by barge.

Meanwhile, the port administration has been advertising in international publications to make the port known and Khaldi said more ships will be received as the city develops. The commercial port is essentially complete. Begun in 1975, it started receiving ships in

1978. It has five general cargo and three container ship berths in operation, with eight more due to come into operation at year's end, he said.

It will provide a wide range of services: 14 general cargo berths ranging from 212 to 300 meters in length and 12 to 14 meters in depth, 86,000 square meters of transit sheds and huge open storage areas and modern cargo-handling equipment to ensure quick dispatch and distribution of all kinds of goods.

Scotland Yard arrests four in kidnap case

LONDON, June 26 (AFP) — Four men are being questioned by Scotland Yard in connection with the kidnapping of the 12-year-old daughter of a former Saudi Arabian diplomat, police said here Thursday.

Two men were arrested Wednesday while picking up a £150,000 (\$300,000) ransom. A third was arrested in a search of a house in London suburb on late in the evening. It was not immediately known how the fourth man was arrested Thursday.

The girl, Reem Al-Harithi, was released safe and sound when the ransom was handed over. She has been held for two days. Scotland Yard took charge of the affair just after the kidnapers had contacted Al-Harithi.

UPM holds graduation

By Al-Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, June 26 — The university of petroleum and minerals (UPM) conducted graduation exercises Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the university stadium under Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jilawi.

The minister of higher education, Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, attended the ceremony at which diplomas will be awarded to 319 graduating students. They included 270 given the bachelor of science degree while 49 received masters of science. Among the bachelors, 84 were applied civil engineering students and 41 in the college of industrial management.

The college of industrial management also awarded 11 masters of business administration, followed by chemical engineering with 10 M.S.'s, mechanical engineering with 9, and systems engineering with 7. The group represents the UPM's ninth class of graduates for this year.

British firm to supply panels for Abha pump

LONDON, June 26 (LPS) Two dust and damp electrical control panels have been ordered recently for the main pumping station being built to serve Abha, where a main drainage scheme is to replace the original-septic tank in preparation for the city's expansion.

The panels will operate in conjunction with sump float switches to provide sequence starting and stopping of the pumps. One panel will control the three main pumps which are driven by dual-speed 90 kilowatt electric motors, and the other will control three sludge pumps driven by 11 kw motors.

Both panels are designed to operate from a 30 V, three-phase, 60 Hz electrical supply. They also include distribution equipment to provide power supplies for the pumping station lighting and ancillary items. The panels will be supplied by SPP Controls Ltd, of Reading. This firm and another SPP company, Sigmund Pulsometer Projects Ltd, were responsible for equipment installed at another pumping station serving the nearby market town of Khamis Mushayt. In another development, eight forklift truck sidelit attachments for handling empty containers were delivered to the Saudi Ports Authority in an order worth £92,000. The telescopic attachments — supplied by Manns Mechanical Equipment Ltd. — are designed to fit Hyster H275 forklift trucks.

COMMENT

By Okaz

In pursuit of self-sufficiency in certain agricultural sectors the government has been carrying out a number of projects which aim at expanding the area under cultivation, encouraging farmers with incentives and increasing food production.

Through the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and the various other establishments, the government has done a great deal already. It has established the agricultural bank, research centers, disease control projects, and veterinary research and several others. Farmers are given loans to buy seed and equipment. Their products are bought by the state at incentive prices and resold at lower ones with the government bearing the difference.

Livestock owners and shepherds are also given assistance to encourage them to increase their stocks and improve their methods of animal husbandry. The construction of grain silos and the storage of flour have helped maintain a strategic reserve of food and animal fodder for a considerable time. The latest in such related projects is the decision to install pumps to make use of the well water in Medina by providing underground tanks and pipelines for the network. The ministry also will build two small dams in addition to those planned for the area.

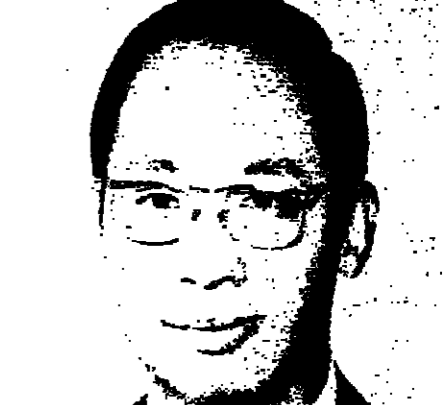
Chinese officials stress political, economic links

JEDDAH, June 26 (CNA) — The heads of Chinese organizations in the Middle East, who began a coordination meeting Thursday, concluded discussions Friday morning with some specific proposals and services to overseas Chinese in the region.

The proposals included ways for ensuring the export of quality Chinese products to the Middle East, the strengthening of cooperation between Central News Agency (CNA) and Saudi Press Agency (SPA), and promoting tourism in the region.

The meeting, jointly chaired by Vice Foreign Minister Dr. Frederick F. Chien and Ambassador Hsueh Yu-Chi, dealt with various proposals promoting the Republic of China's relations with the region's countries, especially political, economic and media ties. The participants also heard a report on the services to overseas Chinese and discussed ways for improving them.

Those who took part included the ambassador, as general coordinator, Liu Ying, director of the Far East trade office in Jordan; Yeh Chia-Wu, director of the Chinese commercial office in Libya; Pan Ming-chi, director of the Far East trade office in Oman; Cheng Lung, director of the Taiwan trade



Dr. Frederick Chien, director of office in Cyprus; Ho Hsing-Jen, director of the Chinese mission in Bahrain; and Hsu Han-Shen, consul at the Chinese honorary consulate in Dubai, the UAE.

Chinese Premier Y.S. Sun sent a message to the meeting which was read at the opening Thursday. He emphasized the importance of the Middle East region in the international arena and expressed hope that the participants will take the initiative in promoting ties with region's countries.

Riyadh chamber solves disputes

RIYADH, June 26 — The Chamber of Commerce and Industry here has received 214 commercial cases involving disputes in the last few years and solved nearly 40 percent of them, according to *Al-Jazirah* Friday.

The chamber offered its good offices and was able to solve these cases amicably. It also offers advice and instructions to merchants about dealing with foreign business concerns in order to avoid possible pitfalls.

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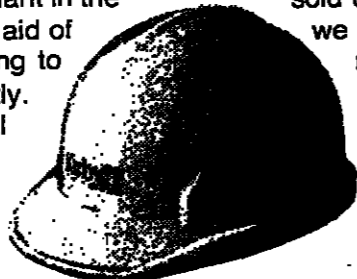
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France severs atom accord with Iraq

PARIS, June 26 (R) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson said Friday that nuclear cooperation with Iraq had stopped and would be subject to tight French controls if it was resumed.

Joint French-Iraqi work on the French-built nuclear research center at Tammuz, near Baghdad, came to an abrupt halt after Israeli planes bombed it June 7, he said. "For the time being, nuclear cooperation with Iraq has been stopped with a bang," Cheysson said in a French television interview. "I simply do not know at this stage if it will be resumed. The Iraqis will have to ask for it."

He added: "And should there be nuclear cooperation in future, it will involve as President Mitterrand has stated the most stringent controls. We will have no nuclear cooperation which could be diverted to military ends and we will double, treble and quadruple our controls."

Cheysson said he was appalled to hear this week a statement by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein calling on all countries to help the Arabs build an atomic bomb, and a statement by former Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan that Israel can make the bomb. He said he might be optimistic in thinking that President Hussein's call for help to build an atomic bomb proved that he was not capable of producing one and that Dayan's remarks that Israel could make the bomb proved that Israel did not have it yet.

Cheysson is to meet shortly with Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Political Bureau Chief Farouk Kaddoumi, the minister's office confirmed here Friday. The Palestinian news Agency Wafa reported Thursday that Kaddoumi had received such an invitation from French Ambassador to Beirut Louis Delamare.

Plea for Arab bomb irks U.S.

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP) — A State Department spokesman has said that calls by nations in the Middle East for the development of nuclear weapons capability "serve no useful purpose."

The statement came after President Saddam Hussein of Iraq asked for international assistance to help the Arab world acquire a nuclear capability and after former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan asserted that Israel already can make nuclear weapons and will do so if the Arabs introduce such weapons into the Middle East.

"We believe that all countries have an obligation to do everything that they can to

prevent the spread of nuclear weapons," said Associate State Department spokesman David Passage Thursday.

"We further do not believe that statements calling on the development of a nuclear weapons capability by countries not in the family of (nuclear) weapons production countries, serve any useful purpose," Passage said.

"We believe that what is urgently needed is a recommitment to peace process rather than calls for the development of nuclear weapons capabilities," he said. "It just seems to us that speeches calling for the development of nuclear weapons do not serve any useful purpose in an area that has problems enough."

Casablanca governor sees plot

CASABLANCA, June 26 (AFP) — Casablanca Governor Ahmad Fizazi confirmed Thursday the official death toll of 66 in last weekend's anti-government rioting in the city, but refused to publish a list of dead "so as not to pour oil on the flames."

The government says those killed were felled by "stones, knives and blunt instru-

ments," but the opposition, which says at least 200 persons died, says most were killed by bullets. Fizazi told a news conference that most of the several thousand arrested had been freed. He called the disturbances "an organized riot" and said they were not caused by unrest among the population. (The violence here centered on a general strike called to protest against the soaring cost of living.)



CORDIAL GREETINGS: A loyal subject ardently greets King Hassan of Morocco on his arrival in Nairobi Thursday to attend the summit conference of the Organization of African Unity. Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi (left), the OAU chairman, looks on.

BRIEFS

ATHENS, (AFP) — A quake registering 4.2 on Richter's Scale Friday struck the Gulf of Corinth, according to the Athens Observatory. The quake, which caused neither casualties nor damage, was centered some 70 kms west of the capital. It was felt in Corinth, Loutraki, Kapareli and Platani.

ANKARA (AFP) — The chief prosecutor of a special Istanbul military court announced Thursday he will be demanding the death penalty against Turkish labor union leader Abdullah Basturk and 51 of his comrades held there since last September.

BEIRUT (R) — Palestinian commandos blew up part of a reception center for Jewish immigrants in the Israeli town of Ashdod Thursday, a statement from the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said. The statement said several persons were killed or wounded by the explosion.

BRASILIA, (AP) — Brazil's ambassador to Israel arrived home Thursday, recalled for consultations following a diplomatic flap concerned alleged Brazilian uranium shipments to Iraq.

Treason alleged 8 Kurdish rebels executed

TEHRAN, June 26 (R) — A close aide of Ayatollah Khomeini Friday praised Iran's revolutionary courts, which have sent about 50 persons to firing squads this week, and called on them to continue their work "in an effective manner."

Earlier, eight anti-government Kurdish rebels were executed in the troubled north-west of the country, Urmia, for waging armed struggle against the Islamic Republic.

Tehran's leader, Seyyed Ali Khamene'i, told crowds at an open-air prayer ceremony: "If the revolutionary courts do not act decisively against those who revolt against the Quran and the Islamic Republic of Iran, they are guilty of treachery. I hereby praise the revolutionary courts for their resolute decisions and we ask them to continue in a decisive manner," said the clergyman, who represents Ayatollah Khomeini in the Supreme Defense Council.

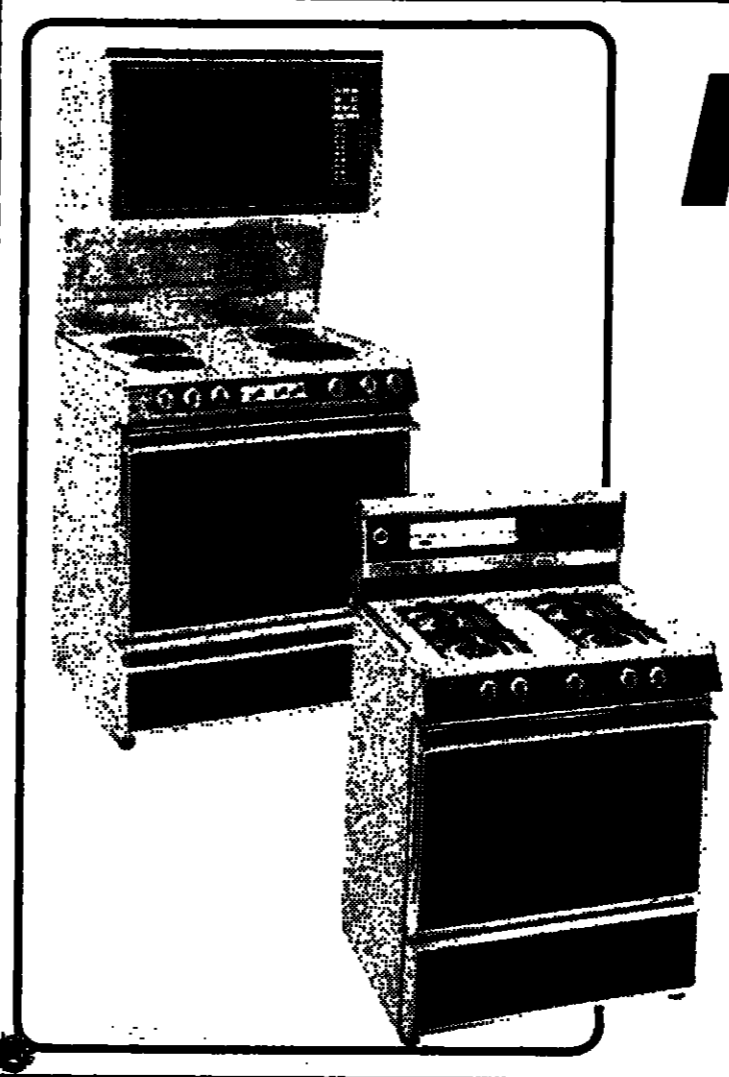
According to Tehran's revolutionary prosecutor, 25 men and women involved in street clashes last Saturday in support of

ex-President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr have been executed. About 25 others have been shot for a variety of other offences.

Meanwhile, the Iranian Embassy in Vienna announced Thursday Iran's ambassador to Austria, Muhammad Abed-Navandi, has been stripped of his post effective June 3 by his country's foreign ministry. But a press spokesman for the embassy Thursday told the Associated Press that Abed was still the ambassador despite a published message in which he announced his resignation to protest current Iranian policies.

An embassy telegram transmitted later to the Austrian Press Agency said that the ambassador "has since made no statement against the present policies of Iran" and that the embassy had no oral or written comment from Abed on his resignation.

But in a teletype message the Austrian agency said it received from Abed, the ambassador said the policies of the current Iranian regime were contrary to the principles of Islam.



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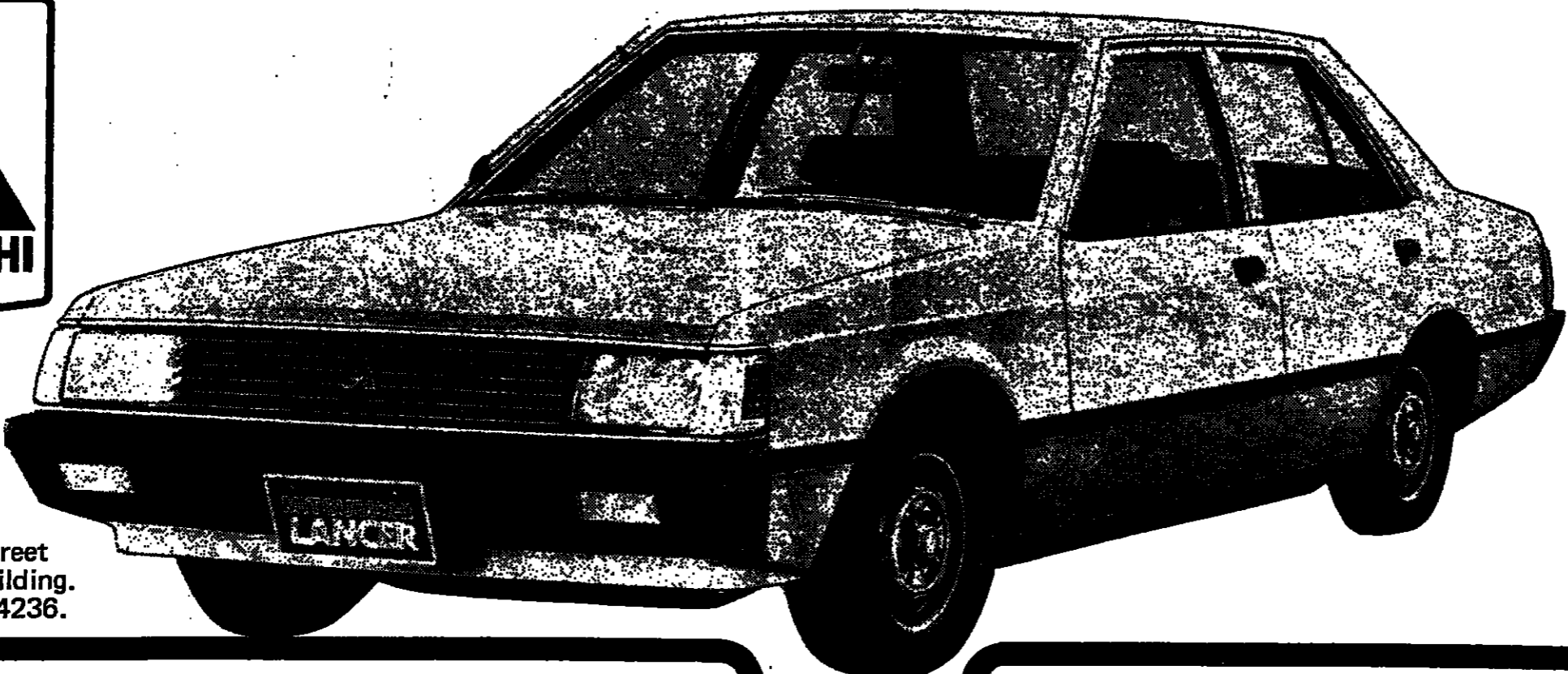
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Pakistan to spend \$0.8b on defense

ISLAMABAD, June 26 (R) — The Pakistani government announced a 16 percent rise in defense spending Thursday to see it through until a \$ 3 billion U.S. military and economic package comes into force late next year.

In a speech announcing the country's 1981 budget, Finance Minister Gbulam Ishaq Khan said nearly \$0.8 billion would be spent on defense in the next year, keeping up the pace which Pakistan set to guard its borders since Soviet troops entered neighboring Afghanistan 18 months ago. Government spending, at \$6.6 billion will be 14.2 percent higher than last year. Development programs rise by 12 percent to nearly \$3 billion.

Flights suspended Sudan expels Libyans

KHARTOUM, June 26 (Agencies) — The Sudanese government told all Libyan diplomats in Khartoum to leave the country within 48 hours, and has recalled Sudanese diplomats in Tripoli, the Sudanese news agency has reported.

The agency said Sudan had asked the Tunisian government to handle its interests in Libya. All flights between Khartoum and Tripoli have been suspended, and the Libyan Airlines office in Sudan was ordered closed, the agency added.

No reasons for the sudden move were given, but relations between Sudan and Libya have steadily worsened since Libya's incursion into Chad, Sudan's western neighbor, last year.

Sudan has maintained that the Libyan presence in Chad is a threat to its own security, bringing Soviet presence in the form of its backing to the Libyan troops, into the heart of Africa. Sudanese Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Hashim Osman summoned the head of the Libyan Arab Brotherhood Office to inform him of the decision, the Sudanese news agency said.

The move came hours after a handgrenade attack on the Chadian embassy here left two persons dead and two others seriously wounded.

The official Libyan News Agency Jana said later in a dispatch telexed to Reuters in London that it had learned from a well-informed source in Tripoli that Libya had decided to close its mission in Khartoum and the Sudanese Embassy in Tripoli "because of the Sudanese government's attitude." Jana said Sudan had harmed Arab unity and had recently received "the traitor (Egyptian President) Sadat who has recognized the enemy (Israel)."

In Khartoum, the Sudanese foreign ministry said in a statement that Libya masterminded the Chad embassy explosion. "We have gathered enough information that Libya was behind the explosion which struck the Chad embassy," the ministry said, adding that a man had been arrested and charged with throwing a hand grenade at the embassy. "He admitted Libya was behind the incident," the ministry said. It did not give further details.

Palestinian autonomy by year-end, says Sadat

CAIRO, June 26 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has said he expects an agreement to be reached by the end of this year on granting autonomy to Palestinians on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

In an interview published Friday by the semi-official daily *Al-Ahram*, Sadat said Palestinian autonomy would be among topics discussed with President Reagan when he visits Washington in August. Reagan would also be in touch on the issue with the new Israeli prime minister after the June 30 elections. "I am optimistic that with God willing there is a strong chance that the Palestinian autonomy agreement be signed before the end of this year," Sadat said.

Egypt suspended the autonomy talks last year in protest against Israel's annexation of Arab Jerusalem and its policy of building Jewish settlements in occupied territories. Sadat reiterated that Egypt was not negotiating with Israel on behalf of the Palestinians but was trying to end the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, granting Palestinians self-rule after which they decide their own future.

Sadat was asked by the newspaper whether Egypt should take an initiative to improve relations between Cairo and Arab countries. The president said he could not do so before Arab countries agreed on a minimum of what they wanted, *Al-Ahram* reported.

14 die in Bangladesh Armed group attacks refugee camp

DACCA, June 26 (AFP) — Fourteen persons were killed and 12 others wounded when armed groups attacked a rehabilitation camp in the tribal area of Chittagong hill tracts in southeast Bangladesh, press reports Friday said.

The attack Thursday was the second in a week by so-called "armed miscreants," a term generally used to describe the tribal guerrillas belonging to the underground terrorist organization "Shanti Bahini" (peace force) which is demanding autonomy for the hilly and forest tribal areas bordering Burma and Indian states of Assam and Mizoram.

Miscreants stormed a local police station Tuesday, looted the armory and killed a policeman before retreating with the arms.

The rehabilitation camps set up by the government in the 1960's and early 1970's for settling landless peasants from the plains in the fertile and under-populated tribal areas were one of the main targets of the Shanti Bahini reportedly led by a former parliament member Manabendra Narayan Lama.

The latest assaults were believed to be an indication that the groups had reactivated following the abortive coup in Chittagong last month in which President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated. A parliamentary committee last year investigating the possibilities of a negotiated settlement of the problem in Chittagong hill tracts reportedly made initial contacts with the Shanti Bahini but apparently made little progress.

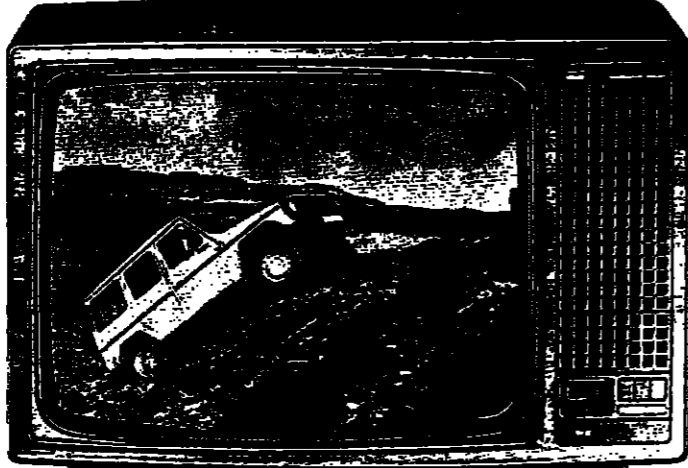
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Opinion poll favors Begin

TEL AVIV, June 26 (Agencies) — With four days to go to the Israeli general elections, the Likud Party of Prime Minister Menahem Begin has caught up or even overtaken its Labor rivals in the opinion polls after being written off only a few months ago.

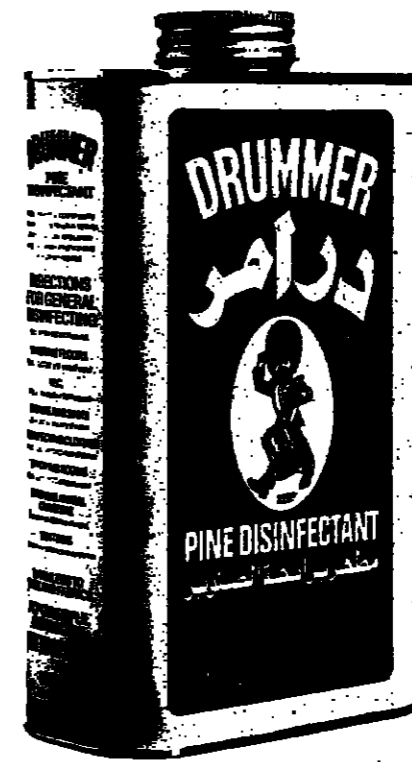
An opinion poll taken after the Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear reactor but before Thursday night's television debate between Begin and Labor leader Shimon Peres showed Likud winning 39 percent of the popular vote and some 45 seats, the newspaper *Yedioth Aharanoth* reported Friday.

Meanwhile, Labor Party picked former Premier Yitzhak Rabin as candidate for defense minister in a bid to broaden its appeal to voters and halt a sharp slide in popularity five days before national elections.

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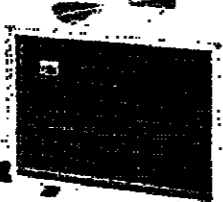
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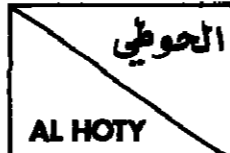
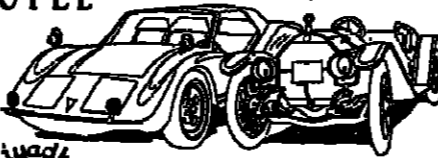


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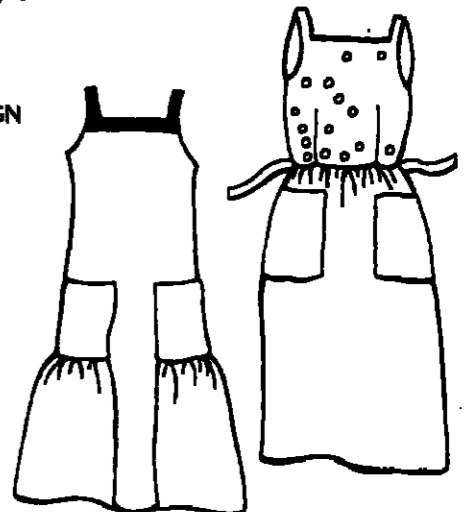
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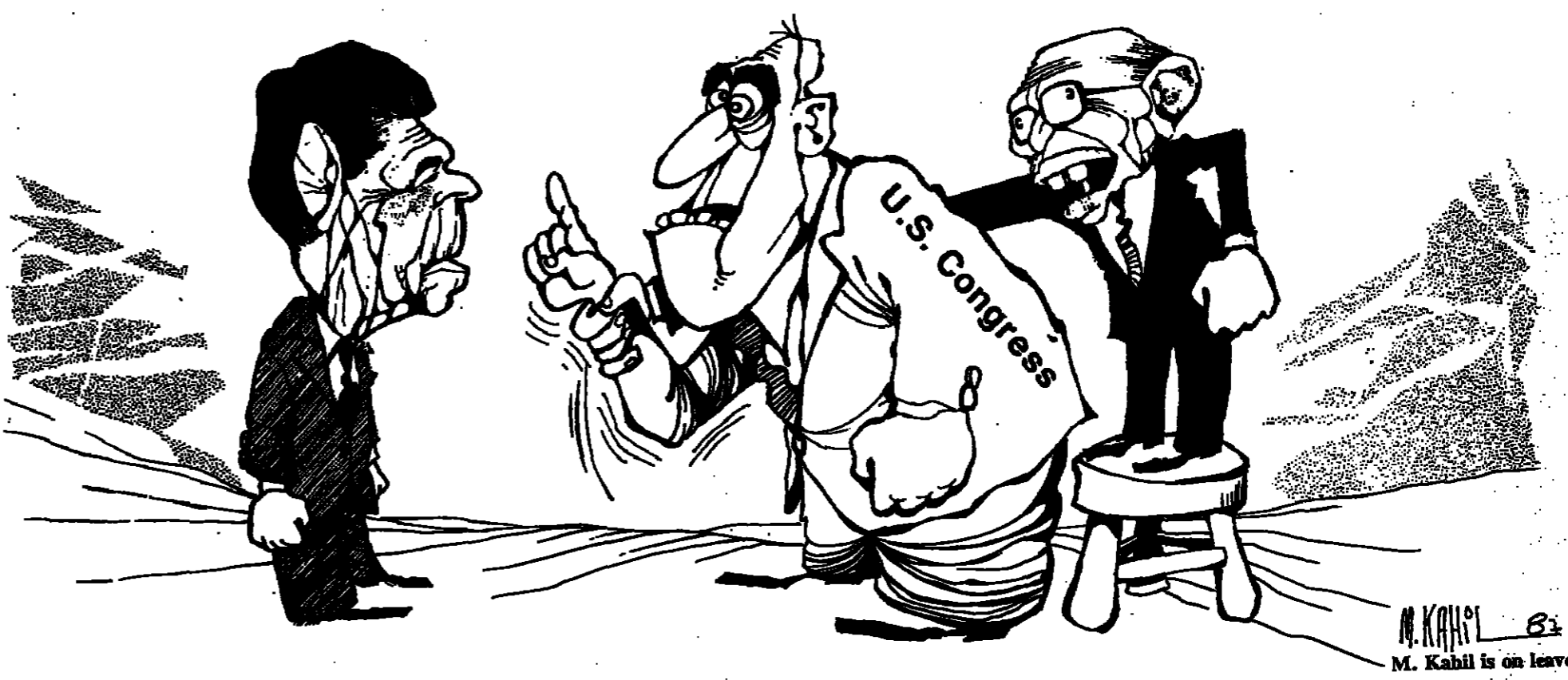
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Political violence may topple Begin

By Eric Silver

TEL AVIV — Political violence has become a major issue in the Israeli general election. If it continues in the last week of the campaign, it could yet cost Menahem Begin his majority. Deputy Commander Enosh Givati, chief of the central police district, said at the weekend the intimidation was "without precedent" in Israeli democracy. The police have arrested 50 suspects, of whom 12 have already been convicted. At least 200 more are sought.

The violence has been almost totally by supporters of Begin's right-wing Likud. They have broken up Labor rallies; threatened (and sometimes hit) opposition sympathizers, including women and children; smashed and burned a local Labor head-

quarters; painted "traitor, your end is approaching" on a car belonging to a party activist; broken windows and made menacing telephone calls.

The Labor leader, Shimon Peres, has been given a plain-clothes bodyguard and his meetings are protected by uniformed policemen and members of the paramilitary police armed with submachine guns.

Last Friday night Israel television, which has been covering the election with excessive caution, devoted the lead item in its weekly newsmagazine to the violence. Although it gave the Likud every chance to deny that it was responsible, the evidence was all on one side.

The program is watched by almost every non-religious family in the land. It lifted the issue out of the gladiatorial contest the parties fight night by night with campaign commercials. The Likud has

appealed for restraint, but it is too early to judge how effective the call has been.

The normally right-wing mass circulation paper, *Maariv*, warned Begin last week that continuation of the violence "will influence many voters to reject the Likud." If the party did not curb its supporters, *Maariv* added, "it will pay the political price, and that price is likely to be very high."

The pollsters suspect that hard-line Begin voters will not be put off, but recent surveys suggest that there is still a large pool of undecided (about 15 percent) and those whose choice is still open to change (about 20 percent). More of these are middle-class, better educated, and over 50 — the kind of Israelis who on June 30 would fall more naturally into the Labor camp, albeit without enthusiasm. (ONS)

Kania reasserts control

By Neal Ascherson

WARSAW — Stanislaw Kania, the Polish Communist Party leader, is reasserting control like a driver gingerly nudging his brakes in case the car skids off the road. The official press is tamer. Kania, since the crisis of the Soviet letter two weeks ago, has so far persuaded the turbulent party rank and file to elect half the politburo members as delegates to the emergency Ninth Party Congress on July 4 and it looks as if almost all of the central apparatus will scrape through with mandates.

The independent trade union movement Solidarity, also preoccupied with internal elections, is being vigorously discouraged from strikes by its leader Lech Walesa. Kania, loyal to the alliance with army representatives who helped him to victory at the eleventh plenum of the Central Committee in the wake of the Soviet letter, is touring meetings of the party's military branches.

The Soviet Union, grumbling in the distance, seems not to threaten action at present. There is one more session of the outgoing Central Committee before the congress, but the team of Kania and Gen. Jaruzelski, its prime minister, should not meet any fresh challenge there.

With a third of the delegates already elected at regional party conferences, the shape of the congress is becoming clear. The so-called "horizontal" movement, the attempt to rally radical democratic forces within the party into an independent front, is rapidly fading out. It has not proved sufficiently organized to withstand the leadership's pressure to fall into line and use the official channels of party decision-making.

The scheme for an all-Poland unofficial conference of elected delegates, to agree on ultra-democratic reforms to the statutes and to draw up a slate of members for the new Central Committee, now seems to be dead. There was to have been a "horizontal" meeting of elected delegates and others in Warsaw a fortnight ago, but it was put off because of the eleventh plenum, and will not now take place.

Reluctant regional conferences of the party may now agree to accept politburo members like Stefan Olizowski, who supports Kania but is still a potential rival, and who will seek a mandate from the party in Warsaw, and even Tadeusz Grabski, who challenged Kania directly at the eleventh plenum.

There will be democratic reforms to party structure at the congress, and only about a quarter of the Central Committee seems likely to survive these huge changes. But the most radical ideas — like mandating delegates for four years so that the leadership can be recalled at any time — are unlikely to come through.

Weird, almost unpredictable, changes are being produced in the local party power structure by free elections. Almost everywhere, the countryside has rebelled against the cities and big plants, whose party groups have traditionally been dominant.

In Gdansk the urban representatives are in a minority. In the Opole region, the town and its factories have been wiped out. At Krakow, the central city district won only three out of 133 places in the regional committee. Each candidate must receive 50 percent plus one of the votes cast in the hall. Nobody has learned how to manipulate this system in free conditions but it has allowed the democratic and hard-line extremes to knock out each other's top personalities. Those who will run the power structure tend to be unknown men and women without any clear political line beyond a wish to purge the old party establishment.

Similar things are happening in Solidarity's regional elections. Industrial workers will not come forward to stand for office. The first sessions of the Warsaw regional conference meeting this week were mostly composed of well-educated young people, some in factory white-collar jobs but many intellectuals and jobless activists working as full-time union organizers.

The Warsaw leadership is worried that plants like the big Ursus tractor works may only win one or two places on the 60-strong branch council. Formal democratic processes are dissolving the basis of Solidarity's power to defend itself.

A fascinating new picture is emerging. Poland's industrial workers, who began this great self-limiting revolution are now losing its leadership. The local party elections are electing only a token fraction of workers, even when there is no country insurrection against the towns.

The next generation of Solidarity leaders will be mostly white-collar experts and intellectuals of various categories. The workers themselves, in party or union, seem unwilling to risk responsibility beyond the factory gate.

So this new Poland, if it is tolerated by the Soviet Union, will not be some leftist model of proletarian direct democracy. It is more likely to end up as curious variant of the corporate state.

It would be a freak in the Communist world: A state in which there was lively democracy at the grass-roots, and at the top a colossal conglomeration of authority which might well have solid public consent but which would be remarkably difficult to challenge. — (ONS)

Middle East is the largest arms importer

By Ian Mather

LONDON — Third World countries have almost doubled their share of world arms spending in the past decade, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. Of the 130 wars fought since 1945, about 50 have been fought in the past decade, almost all in the Third World.

With few exceptions, weapons supplied by the industrialized countries have been used, the institute says in its latest year book. The Middle East is by far the largest arms importing region, accounting for 48 percent of the total Third World imports. In this region, conflicts coincide with big power interests in the strategic position and oil resources of the area.

The wealth of many Middle East countries facilitates the purchase of the most sophisticated weapon systems. Six of the eight largest Third World arms

importing countries during the decade were in the Middle East. In all, Third World arms purchases rose from 9 percent of the world total to 16 percent during the 1970s, and this is a "disturbing trend," the institute says.

Total world spending on armaments rose above £500 billion last year, but despite this enormous expenditure few nations feel more secure now than they did 10 years ago, according to the institute. On the contrary, most populations feel increasingly insecure.

Money spent on military activities could, therefore, be regarded as "an unjustifiable and tragic waste of our limited resources." The bulk of military spending is by the NATO, and Warsaw Pact countries, and they will probably continue to dominate the military scene throughout the 1980s. The trend has been for world military expenditure in real terms to grow at a rate of about 2 percent annually. This rate is more of a burden on the world

economy than previous trends, due to the fact that the rate of global output no longer rises as fast as it used to.

The diversion of scientific and intellectual effort to the military is particularly tragic, the institute says. Enormously complex technological and organizational problems have been solved, and if that same effort had been devoted to world health or world food production, the results could have been impressive.

The institute predicts that the most important development in space during the 1980s will involve anti-satellite weapons. Also significant, however, is the revival of interest by the superpowers in ballistic missile defenses.

Since 1970 some 1,801 military satellites have been launched, which is 75 percent of the total number. Last year 103 military satellites went into orbit, 89 launched by the Soviet Union, but only 14 by the United States.

Jamaica calls for anti-Communist front

By Jeremy Taylor

PORT OF SPAIN — Since his election victory last October, Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga has been nursing the idea of a grand alliance against communism in the Caribbean and Central America. He boasted in Miami last month of the Caribbean's democratic record of 32 states clustered around the Caribbean Sea, 28 had democratic systems which had worked without fail over four decades.

But these pro-Western democracies, Seaga argued, had no collective position, no organization to rival the solidarity of international socialism at a time when the Caribbean was being penetrated by "alien ideologies". It was time, Seaga insisted, for a grouping of "like-minded political parties" to strengthen democracy in the region.

Seaga, who is staunchly pro-American, has good reason to be pleased with democracy just now. For 18 months, the political tide has been running his way, as election after election produces right-wing Caribbean governments: Seaga himself now enjoys one of the biggest majorities in Caribbean history. Later this year, both Barbados and Trinidad and

Tobago are likely to continue the trend.

Yet Seaga's claims for the vibrancy of Caribbean democracy, made before a university graduation audience after he received an honorary doctorate, were perhaps optimistic.

There are actually 33 Caribbean "states," excluding the mainland Spanish states of South and Central America, with populations getting as small as 6,000; as Seaga himself pointed out, 20 of the Caribbean's smallest states could fit comfortably in Florida's Everglades.

Of the 33, 20 are still in some form of colonial relationship with Britain, Holland, France or the United States, their legislatures enjoying only limited powers. Grenada and Surinam are now experimenting with alternative forms of democracy, and their parliaments are suspended. There is Cuba, and there is the Caribbean's dictatorship — the Haiti of the Duvaliers. Only nine of the 33 states are fully democratic sovereign nations. Nor is Caribbean democracy quite as sturdy as Seaga makes out. In Guyana, it has given way to election-rigging. In the Dominican Republic, it depends largely on the self-restraint of the army.

In small island societies, Westminster politics often becomes a matter of personalities and individual feuds of the sort that have ripped St. Lucia's government apart in the last two years. It ensures that half of an island's scarce political talent is relegated to ritual opposition politics on a permanent basis: in the hands of strong charismatic leaders, parliaments become at best rubber-stamps, sometimes — as happened in Grenada under Eric Gairy — hardly meeting at all.

The fragility of island democracies was dramatized in Dominica in April by a thwarted invasion by Ku Klux Klan members and mercenaries in search of a quiet island playboy paradise, egged on by disgruntled local politicians.

Sadly, with the help of Seaga and U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Caribbean elections are beginning to take on cold war overtones, with the Right cast as the shining knights of freedom and the Left as the sinister agents of darkness and "alien ideologies". Seaga himself has been tagged "Washington's man in the Caribbean" so often that he has had to insist that he really does still believe in self-determination.

Fighting triggers recession in Guatemala

By Susan Morgan

GUATEMALA CITY — The economy of Guatemala, once the healthiest in Central America, has been tipped into recession by bloody civil discord. Hotels are closing as tourism sinks. Landowners no longer dare visit their estates. Foreign businessmen have fled to escape kidnappers. Foreign investment has dried up.

"There has been no investment here for a year," said a Western economic expert. "The international banks and big multinational financiers have red-lined the whole area of Central America."

Even though Guatemala's credit record is impeccable, it is being plucked down by revolutionary neighbors like Nicaragua and El Salvador. When late last year the country tried to borrow \$1 billion on the Eurodollar market it was turned down, and obtained only \$50 million. This has led to

a severe credit squeeze, worsened by the plummeting price of coffee, the country's chief export.

The once-flourishing Central American Common Market (CACM) has virtually broken down as member nations renege on debts or add trade tariffs. Guatemala was formerly the chief beneficiary of the CACM, but is now owed \$90 million by beggarly neighbors.

Tourism, government receipts and revenues from coffee are all down 50 percent. Foreign reserves have slumped to \$280 million, 70 percent down from the 1977 high. This year there will be a \$150 million deficit in the balance of payments.

Guatemalans admit their problems in private, but in public blame unfavorable reports in the international press. The accusation is ironic as the Guatemalan press is itself a daily showcase of grisly, violent death. Newspapers contain pictures of firemen gathering bloody remains, of anguished families identifying their slain and harrowing pleas

for the safe return of kidnap victims in advertisements paid for by their families.

In the countryside Indian laborers are threatened both by guerrillas and by the army. Sometimes, when Indians come to the estates to pick cotton, they are turned back by guerrillas. Sometimes the guerrillas burn the crops. On other occasions the peasants are forced to provide food for the guerrillas — and are then beaten or even killed by the army for collaborating.

Owners feel there is no longer any point in looking after their estates properly, but where guerrilla activity is strong it is also impossible to sell out. One woman who refused \$250,000 for her coffee plantation near Lake Atitlan now cannot find a buyer at \$1,000.

Oil is the only bright spot in Guatemala's economy. New discoveries mean reserves are constantly being revised upward, although the full extent of Guatemala's reserves is still in doubt.

Zimbabwe removes pioneers' names

By Stephen Taylor

SALISBURY — Zimbabwe is applying a "controversy test" to place names inherited from its colonial rulers. In a purge of the past, such familiar names on the atlas as Salisbury and the Victoria Falls will give way to titles more befitting Africa's newest independent state.

The changes have been expected for some time and map-makers are holding off producing new editions. It is already known that the capital, named after a 19th century British prime minister, the *marquess of Salisbury*, will be renamed *Harare*. Likewise, the Victoria Falls, named by the explorer David Livingstone in honor of his queen, will become *Mosi-oa Tunya*, the smoke that thunders.

Other changes, when they are eventually made, will embrace streets, buildings, mountains and rivers.

Explaining the delay, Eddison Zvobgo, the minister of local government, says: "We write to a local authority about a street which has a settler name. We ask who he was. If he was one of the pioneers he is out. It takes time to go through this procedure."

"If the name is not controversial it is left alone. Sometimes we find a street has a pioneer name but it turns out it was named after one of his descendants."

Zvobgo refuses to discuss the names that will be discarded and those of the nationalist heroes that will replace them, such as Mbuya Nehanda, who led an uprising in 1896 against white settlers.

However, the following seem likely candidates for the axe:

Harley, a town southwest of Salisbury, named after the first European to discover gold in the territory.

Norton, on the same road, after a family murdered in the Shona uprising of 1896.

Selous roads and avenues everywhere, derived from Frederick Selous, who guided the pioneer column to Salisbury.

Any allusion to Cecil Rhodes, virtually the founder of Rhodesia. Street signs marking Rhodes Avenue in Salisbury were taken down months ago. Ironically Rhodes wanted to name the territory *Zambesia*. Rhodesia was a name coined by journalists.

MOROCCO'S MOVE

Morocco's King Hassan has made a fine gesture of conciliation by offering to allow a referendum in the disputed Sahara region under the supervision of the Organization of African Unity at the current summit conference in Nairobi.

There are few details as yet, but these will presumably be left to the special committee of elder statesmen who had been trying to solve the problem which started six years ago when Spain decolonized the region and Morocco "reincorporated" it into its own boundaries. The Algerians said this was outright annexation and began arming what became known as the Polisario Liberation Front to wrest control of the phosphatic desert land. When Spain quit, the population of the whole area was not more than 100,000, which Morocco claimed could not possibly form a state, and, even if it did, it would always remain a client of Algeria.

War broke out. Algeria and Libya supported the Polisario and gave it arms, money and sanctuaries. Mauritania, which had divided up the region with Morocco, grew tired of the bloodshed, and asked Morocco to withdraw its troops from its land and quit the fighting. The Arabs in particular and the Africans in general resented this war and viewed it as a ruinous conflict that would do them no good. Morocco and Algeria were forced to divert development funds into bullets, armored cars and cannon shells. The Africans hated it because it dealt a terrible blow to their unity and weakened the OAU in the eyes of the world. Their attempts to mediate had failed until yesterday in Kenya, when Morocco conceded the right of a referendum which, in reality, means self-determination.

The mechanics may be protracted, but it is now up to Algeria to show its goodwill and to cooperate in making it a success either through independence or incorporation with Morocco. The most important result, as far as the Arabs are concerned, is that another Arab war has been snuffed out and progress has been made toward a more peaceful atmosphere in North Africa.

Saudi Arabian press review

There were only two Arabic newspapers Friday, *Al-Jazirah* led with news of the summit conference of the Organization of African Unity in Nairobi and the proposals that were to be made by King Hassan of Morocco to end the conflict over the Saharan desert. It also led with the ceasefire in Zahle, in Lebanon, and the five explosions which rocked Kuwait City on Thursday.

In a story datelined Dubai and attributed to the Qatar News Agency, *Okaz* said that the Kingdom and Kuwait had succeeded in bringing Iraq and Syria closer together in preparation for the proposed Arab summit to be held in Rabat in a few weeks. "Contacts are being made to solve the outstanding problems between these countries and other Arab countries to ensure the success of the summit," it said.

Commenting on the mission of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, *Al-Jazirah* expected Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin to attack Lebanon or Syria either before or after the general elections next week. "He will either attack Lebanon or the Syrian forces there to ensure a last-

minute popularity surge or to consolidate his mandate after the elections," the paper said.

It called on the Arab Follow-Up Committee, which was formed to help solve the Lebanese problem, to use the time gap to find the right formula for a solution and bring peace to the country.

Okaz urged a greater rapprochement among the Arab states, saying it was a natural development because of the increasing success of Arab diplomacy and Saudi Arabia's efforts to settle inter-Arab differences. "These efforts are fundamental to any lasting and meaningful settlement in Lebanon," it said.

Okaz hoped that Saudi Arabian diplomacy will succeed not only in Lebanon but also in mediating between Syria and Iraq and in finding a lasting settlement in North Africa, including Algeria, Mauritania and Morocco.

"We sincerely hope that our Arab brothers will respond positively to these efforts and there are indications that the Arab world will soon return to its old established unity and solidarity," the paper added.

Dar Al-Islam mosque dedicated

By Jemmette Garrett
Houston Bureau

SANTA FE, New Mexico, — When Nuri-din Durkee, an American Muslim, and Sahl Kabbani, a Saudi Arabian industrialist, originally began to develop the plans for a Muslim village in the United States, one of their intentions was to establish a place where people could see for themselves what Muslims and the Islamic religion were like. Instead of telling people what a mosque was, for example, they would show them one. And that's exactly what they did recently at a ceremony held to dedicate the Dar Al-Islam village mosque and to lay the cornerstone of the Madressa Islamiah which will be built next.

It was an occasion that brought together Muslims and non-Muslims, the devout and the merely curious. For many, it was their first time to see a mosque or meet a Muslim.

The adobe mosque is only a small part of what eventually will be an entire village in the southwestern state of New Mexico. It was only a few years ago that Durkee and Kabbani, who met each other in Makkah, began planning the village. Since then, they and other interested Muslims, both American and Arab, have formed a non-profit foundation called Dar Al-Islam to oversee construction of the village and to raise money. In March 1980, Dar Al-Islam made its first payment on 1,000 acres of land which they purchased for \$1.4 million.

Sahl Kabbani, chairman of the board of trustees and treasurer of the foundation, related in an opening speech to an audience of 200, what he hopes will be accomplished by the village.

"The purpose of this Islamic center was really an immediate result of some ideas that entered my mind 30 years ago when I was a student in Massachusetts," he explained. "In those days, people of my age would say to me, 'You Muslims worship Muhammad, you Muslims worship the Ka'aba.' And really,

there was no way for me to prove to them that we Muslims don't do that."

It is Kabbani's hope that the center will demonstrate what Islam is really about. "I hope that in this little community, we will cooperate in searching for the truth," he said. "I hope that the opening of this new mosque will be the beginning of a relationship that we want to experience together. I hope that we can all search together for the truth, remembering that nothing can be done by force. It must come by acceptance, by belief."

Now that the village's mosque has been completed, construction will begin soon on the Madressa Islamiah. Dr. Abdullah Naseef, rector of King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah and a member of the foundation's board of trustees, spoke to the audience about the education that students at the school will receive.

"Much of today's knowledge and educa-

tion is based on secular forms," he said. This school will be here to teach students how to be in harmony with the universe and that there is no differentiation between one kind of knowledge and another."

Another well-respected guest at the dedication ceremony was the Egyptian architect Hassan Fathy, who designed the master plan for the village. He returned to lay the cornerstone of the new school. Most of his life has been devoted to advocating the use of adobe as the least expensive, most efficient means of housing the world's poor.

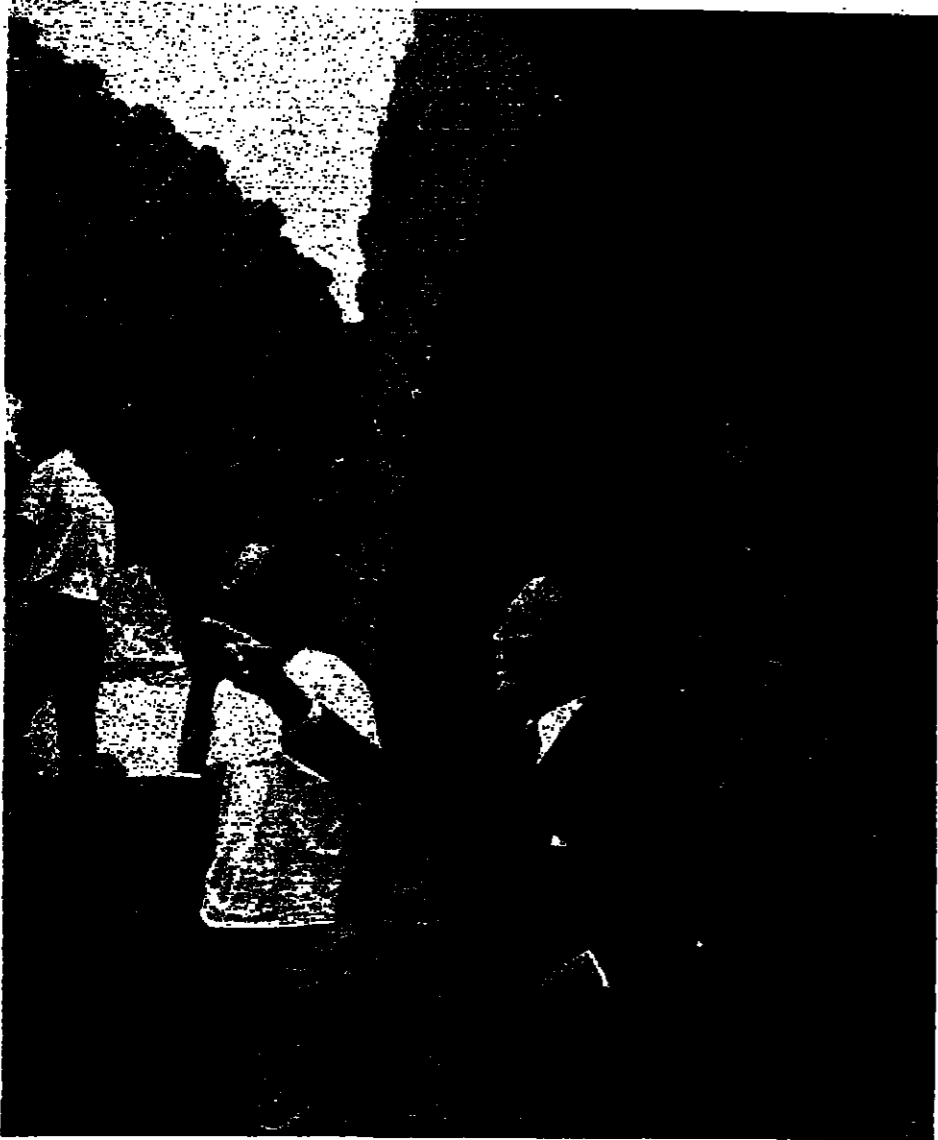
Fathy was at the site of the village last year to supervise construction of the mosque and to lead workshops for Americans from all over the country interested in adobe architecture. At that time, he demonstrated a unique technique which allowed the roof of the mosque, which has seven domes and a vaulted ceiling, to be roofed with only mud bricks,

instead of wood or steel structures.

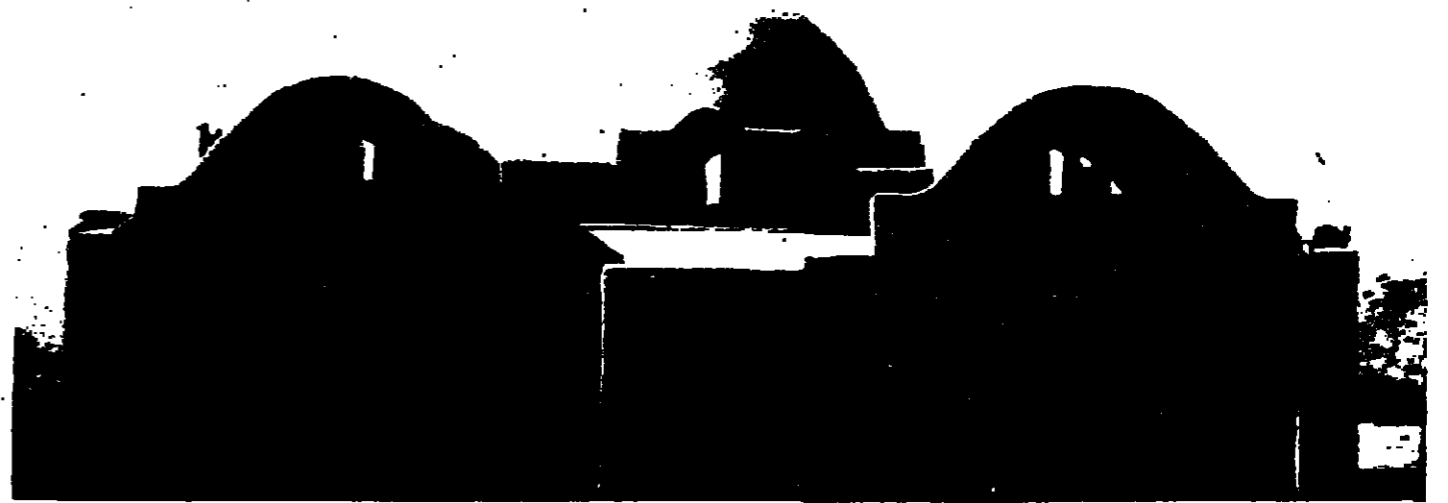
Another of Fathy's unique designs will be used with the village's homes. The 100 families who will live there will build their own homes, based on the concept of cluster housing, in which the houses share common walls to conserve costs.

Eventually, the village will include a medical clinic, a center for maintaining traditional crafts and a research facility for Muslim scientists. The land purchased by Dar Al-Islam includes 400 acres of farmland which will be used to raise wheat, alfalfa, sorghum and vegetables, as a source of food and to provide outside income.

It will be at least a year to two years before anyone will live at the village, but right now at least, the curious who know little about Islam can travel up a winding, dirt road and see Muslims working on an Islamic school and worshipping in a mosque.



DEVELOPMENT TOURED: During the recent dedication, Hassan Fathy, Egyptian architect, tours the Dar Al-Islam site.



ADOBE ARCHITECTURE: Most of the structures at Dar Al-Islam are built from adobe which is readily available nearby.

Fighting in Lebanon causes 'noticeable drop' in education

VIENNA — The standard of education of Palestine refugee children has fallen noticeably in many United Nations schools in Lebanon in recent years because of the fighting there, according to officials running the school program. This is particularly true in the south, where bombing and shelling has gone on intermittently for years, reaching a peak this spring.

Academic achievement is only one of the casualties of the turmoil that has claimed the lives of about 60 registered refugees in the last three years. More than one third of the 230,000 Palestine refugees in Lebanon registered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in Near East (UNRWA) have had to flee their homes at one time or another because of the danger. Many have not gone back.

For these displaced refugees, life is precarious and uncertain and often living conditions are unhealthy. But there are other consequences: many have lost their jobs or now have to travel several hours a day getting to and from work and thousands of the 34,000 children enrolled in UNRWA schools in Lebanon have missed classes for months, some of them even years. However, education officials try to make arrangements to compensate for lost time.

Some displaced families in their search for safety have moved to areas that have no nearby UNRWA schools and others are reluctant to send their children to school for security reasons. In the past few years, schools in southern Lebanon have been occupied for weeks at a time by displaced refugees, so that classes could not be held. Enrolment in UNRWA schools in Lebanon has dropped by 7 percent in the past seven years. This is in contrast to UNRWA's other fields of operation where the school population has increased rapidly.

Some schools are empty in the south because of the flight of refugees; others are more crowded than ever because of refugee migration. This year UNRWA had to open a new school near Sidon to accommodate 750 displaced refugee children.

UNRWA, the international agency providing education, health and relief services to Palestine refugees, has often had to improvise to maintain its services because of successive movements of refugees from one area to another. In the course of the last three years, UNRWA has spent an extra \$3 million for emergency aid and reconstruction in south Lebanon. Two emergency international appeals were launched to obtain some of this money.

The last mass migration was in March 1978 as a result of Israeli military operations. Some 50,000 persons from the Tyre area fled north. Most stopped near Sidon, others went on to Beirut. Since then, frequent operations by Israeli forces or shelling from the enclave controlled by Lebanese irregular militia have provoked successive movements of refugees to and fro between the Tyre and Sidon areas.

About two-thirds have returned to their homes in and around Tyre, which for many are in El-Buss, Burj el-Shemali and Rashidieh camps. Refugees have built bomb shelters, including some near school buildings, to try to reduce the number of casualties.

The bombing, shelling and clashes have also caused serious material damage. Many refugee shelters and UNRWA schools, clinics and feeding centers have been damaged or destroyed. About \$700,000 has been spent on the reconstruction of UNRWA facilities in south Lebanon since 1978 and on small cash subsidies to refugees to help with repair of their huts.

Most refugees who have not returned to their homes are living in the Sidon area. According to the UNRWA Area Officer in Sidon, Ibrahim Audeh, the population of the city has increased greatly since 1975, possibly even tripling with the influx of both Palestine refugees and Lebanese seeking safety.

Around Ein el Hilweh camp, the biggest refugee camp in Lebanon, shelters of corrugated iron have grown up. Audeh says the total camp population, officially 25,000, is really of the order of 60,000 today.

The shanty town which has grown up around the camp has rudimentary sanitary facilities built by the refugees themselves, and water and electricity supplied by the municipality of Sidon. Most of the refugees are farm laborers who continue to work in the citrus groves around Tyre.

"We earn as much as before 1978 — \$9 a day, but the cost of living has increased and we also have to pay \$1.25 a day to get to work," says one of them.

Others have found shelter in the center of Sidon. Several dozen families from Nabatieh occupy a building that formerly housed a soap factory and a cinema. Each family has about 10 square meters of space, with only cardboard partitions between families. Sanitary conditions are bad and cannot be improved by UNRWA as the building is being occupied illegally. Other squatters, Lebanese and Palestinian alike, live in the cells of the city jail built in Ottoman times, cells that have probably never been so crowded.

Nothing at the moment can give these people hope of living in better conditions, and they have nowhere else to go. Those able to

work find jobs from time to time as manual laborers in the market or port but the money they earn does not allow them to rent housing in Sidon, a city where the rents have soared in step with the huge increase in population.

The only hope for them is the success of their children at school. But the upheavals and displacements have affected the education of young refugees. Academic achievement has been affected by the fighting in all of Lebanon in the past few years. In the words of UNRWA officials, it has definitely dropped in many schools of the country. The main reason is irregular attendance because of the insecure situation.

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Parliament meets Tuesday

Ireland to have 2-party coalition

DUBLIN, Ireland (Agencies) — The main opposition Fine Gael and Labor parties were close to agreement Friday on trying to form a coalition government when the new Irish Parliament meets for the first time next Tuesday.

Labor leader Michael O'Leary said he was "confident" of reaching an agreement before the special Labor Party delegate conference in Dublin Sunday when a vote will be taken on endorsing a coalition with Fine Gael.

The two parties ruled in coalition from 1973-77. Prime Minister Charles J. Haughey, whose Fianna Fail party has ruled for all but 10 of the past 49 years, was attempting to retain power by wooing the six independents voted into office in the June 11 general election.

Haughey called the election a year early and lost a comfortable 17-seat majority in the

process. Hurt by economic problems including 21-percent inflation, his party won 78 seats in the 166-seat Dail (Irish parliament). Fine Gael took 65 seats and Labor 15, a combination of 80. Since two Irish Republican Army guerrillas imprisoned in Northern Ireland cannot take the seats they unexpectedly won, and one member must serve as non-partisan speaker, a total of 82 is needed for a majority.

Fine Gael-Labor believe they can gain this with the support of independents. Even if there has to be a minority government, they look like gathering more support than Fianna Fail.

Haughey's rival for the job of prime minister is Fine Gael's Garret Fitzgerald, a former foreign minister and university lecturer.

If Fitzgerald succeeds, he may have to soften his plans for tackling Ireland's economic problems. He campaigned on a deflationary platform suggesting that the burden of taxation be shifted from incomes to sales tax, which would raise prices.

Labor, on the other hand, campaigned for state controls on prices and for a special tax on the rich. Fitzgerald and O'Leary have spent the week hammering out possible compromise on these central planks.

Fine Gael is traditionally backed by business and the middle class and Labor collects votes in urban working class districts. Fianna Fail draws low-income and rural support, and is historically the most nationalist. Its founder was the late Eamon de Valera, legendary patriot and president.



Fine Gael leader Garret Fitzgerald

Curfew in Nagaland

Strikes hit Indian cities

NEW DELHI, June 26 (AP) — Thousands of industrial workers in India's western cities of Bombay and Thane launched work stoppages to protest the arrest of a powerful labor leader, the United News of India (UNI) reported Friday.

The report said that 20,000 workers began strikes in about 50 industrial units to demand the release of Datta Samant, a trade unionist, who is also a legislator in the Maharashtra state assembly.

Police have increased security measures in the two industrial cities to curb possible outbreaks of violence, the news agency added. Samant was arrested Wednesday under the National Security Act, a preventive detention law.

Another town in the southern Indian state of Karnataka was paralyzed Thursday by a general strike called by opposition parties to

press for the dismissal of a controversial minister charged with abducting a woman, UNI reported.

Police after investigation filed a criminal case against Karnataka Planning Minister C. M. Ibrahim last week for the kidnapping of 45-year-old Padma. The woman is a witness in a murder case against Ibrahim's brother, Khader.

The day-long strike in Bhadravati closed all offices, banks, shops, restaurants, schools and post offices, UNI said. Wednesday, the city of Shimoga was paralyzed by a general strike called by opposition groups, who have accused Karnataka Chief Minister R. Gundu Rao of "shielding" Ibrahim. The planning minister also has been charged in the state legislature with engaging in corrupt practices.

Three leading independent English-language newspapers, the *Indian Express*, *Hindustan Times* and *The Times of India*, Thursday demanded in editorials the immediate dismissal of Ibrahim.

Meanwhile, authorities proclaimed a two-day round-the-clock curfew in the town of Cimapur in India's Nagaland state Thursday after the street slaying of a tribal youth generated tension, UNI reported.

The young man was gunned down by a group of people returning from the funeral of a person shot to death Wednesday evening outside a local movie house by underground Naga tribesmen fighting for the northeastern state's independence from India, UNI said.

The agency said police arrested one guerrilla for Wednesday's killing and recovered Maoist leaflets from him. Four others fled, it said. No arrests were reported for Thursday's shooting.

Official sources said that the curfew was ordered as "a precautionary measure" in Dimapur, located 600 kms northeast of Calcutta. The situation in the town, Nagaland's second largest, was "under control," the sources said.

Diamond digger strikes it rich

KIMBERLEY, South Africa, June 26 (AP) — A 40-year-old diamond digger has struck it rich with the discovery of a 148-carat diamond, the South African Press Association reported.

Digger Boet Sonnenberg said the flawless diamond is worth an estimated \$450,000. Sonnenberg said he didn't immediately notice the diamond, but when he did spot it "I picked the stone up immediately, put it in my pocket and drove to my home in Windsorfont. I then phoned my partner to tell him of my once-in-a-lifetime find."

Sonnenberg said he had been mining the claim, jointly owned with Martiens Uys, for nine months. He added he will keep on digging. "My grandfather and father were both diggers all of their lives,"

Chinese general to tour Europe

PEKING, June 26 (AFP) — Chinese Army Chief of Staff Gen. Yang Dezhi leaves here Saturday for a tour of Western Europe, visiting West Germany, Belgium, France, Britain and Switzerland.

The general's visit is the first to West Europe by a chief of staff of the world's numerically largest army — 4.5 million men — since the Communists assumed power in 1949. Yang was promoted to his present position in February 1980, taking over from the powerful Chinese Communist Vice President Deng Xiaoping.

Of the five nations on his itinerary, he will be paying an official visit only to Belgium, France and Britain — notably becoming the first high Chinese official to meet the team of French President Francois Mitterrand. Diplomatic sources said he would be "only in transit" in West Germany and that his visit to Switzerland would be as a "tourist". The general is scheduled to return to Peking on July 22.

China is increasingly turning toward the West to help its modernization efforts. And with its armed forces' equipment largely considered by specialists as outdated, Peking has just been assured by Washington that the United States is now ready to supply it with offensive weaponry.

China has also shown interest in various types of equipment manufactured in Western Europe, although diplomatic sources here stress that Yang's talks are not expected, in principle, to lead to agreements for the supply of material to China. The sources say the visit is part of the ongoing contacts made in recent years between the armies of the three nations and China's People's Liberation Army.

Marcos to reorganize government

MANILA, June 26 (AP) — Members of the Philippines cabinet have submitted courtesy resignations to give President Ferdinand Marcos a free hand in reorganizing the government following his June 16 election victory, the presidential palace announced.

The palace did not say what action Marcos took on the resignations, but Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo said Marcos was likely to reappoint all 31 cabinet members, excluding Health Minister Enrique M. Garcia, who has been ill for some time and whose resignation the president accepted Thursday.

Romulo submitted the cabinet's resignation to Marcos collectively Thursday at the start of a 3 1/2-hour cabinet meeting, which the palace said was devoted to preparations for the government reorganization and details of next Tuesday's inauguration of Marcos' new six-year term. In the meantime,

Romulo said in an interview, "we will stay where we are."

In a brief television interview after the meeting, Marcos said he will call a caucus of his ruling New Society Movement party on July 3 to restructure the government and indicated no change will be announced before then.

Under constitutional amendments ratified in a plebiscite last April, the government's day-to-day operations are to be carried out by a 15-member executive to be headed by a prime minister to be nominated by Marcos but elected by the interim national assembly.

U.S. Vice President George Bush is scheduled to attend Marcos' inauguration. Other foreign dignitaries expected to attend include Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, Thai Premier Tungsulanond and Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonda.

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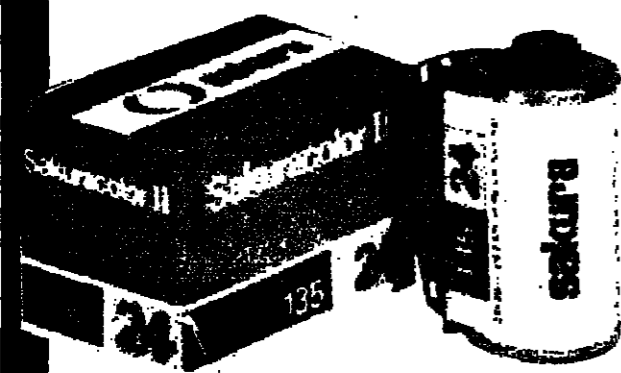
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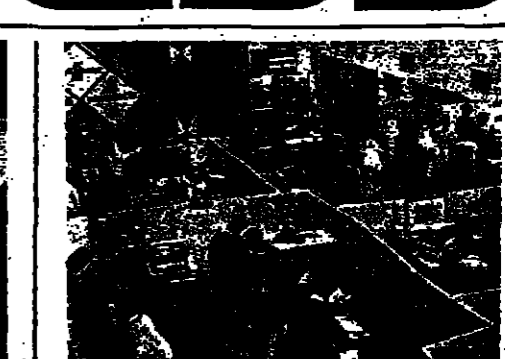
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Trident missiles favored

U.K. reduces navy in defense shake-up

LONDON, June 26 (R) — Britain has announced a major reshaping of its defense forces for the 1980s which will help pay for the planned modernization of its nuclear deterrent. Outlining cuts in manpower and conventional warships in Parliament Thursday, Defense Secretary John Nott described Britain's existing defense program as unbalanced and overextended.

Nine destroyers and frigates will be scrapped, he said, cutting the escort fleet committee to NATO from 59 ships to 50. Eleven more ships will be retired early and 10,000 sailors paid off by 1986. Army strength will be cut by 7,000 to 135,000 Nott said, but the British Army in West Germany would maintain its agreed strength of 55,000 men.

Britain plans to spend at least five billion sterling (\$10 billion) of an expected defense budget of some 80 billion sterling (\$160 billion) in the 1980s on updating its indepen-

Liberian security men seize Soviet equipment

MONROVIA, Liberia, June 26 (AP) — Liberian security officers have seized "sophisticated" radio equipment destined for the Soviet Embassy. They said the equipment arrived at the port here last Thursday aboard a Soviet ship and was seized on orders of the national security chairman of the ruling People's Redemption Council, Col. Larry Borteh. He said Defense Minister Maj. Gen. Albert Karpoh inspected the equipment.

They said it had been intended for use by the nine Soviet diplomats expelled this month by the Liberian military government.

dent nuclear deterrent. The four aging submarines which carry Polaris missiles will be replaced by new ships equipped with U.S.-built Trident nuclear missiles.

Nott said no enhancement of conventional forces could provide the deterrent value of Trident. "One Trident submarine, invulnerable to any pre-emptive strike, will carry up to 128 independently targeted warheads which can hold at risk targets over a vast area of the Soviet Union," he said.

One supporter of the government policy, Conservative member of parliament Marcus Kimball, commented: "At long last somebody has sat down and thought about what frightens the Russians." But Labor opposition defense spokesman Brynmor John accused Nott of "abandoning the NATO priority of strengthening non-nuclear forces" and gave notice that a future labor government would scrap the Trident program.

Several Conservatives were among Nott's critics. One of them, former Navy Minister Keith Speed, who was sacked last month by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for criticizing defense plans, said he was very concerned. "I can't believe the Americans are exactly going to welcome this," he said.

But U.S. and NATO officials expressed understanding of the reasons behind the cuts. U.S. Vice President George Bush, in London on a visit, told reporters: "We are confident that the arrangements will be satisfactory to the United States." Nott said Britain was already spending more per head of its population on defense than any other European NATO member and would increase expenditure by three per cent annually in real terms over the next four years.

70 policemen hurt in Berlin

BERLIN, June 26 (AFP) — More than 70 police were injured, many seriously, in violent clashes Thursday night which pitted 1,000 security force members against some 800 squatters and sympathizers, police said Friday. A spokesman said 55 persons had been arrested during the clashes. He was unable to give figures for injured demonstrators.

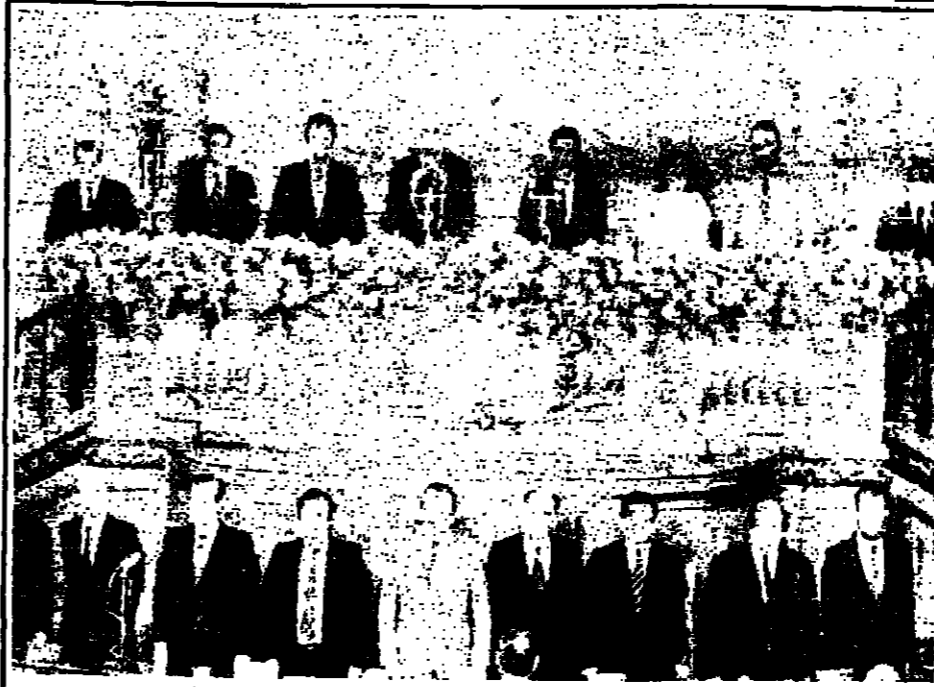
During the running clashes, masked and helmeted protesters built barricades, using cars and workmen's huts which they then set alight. More than 1,000 bank and shop windows were smashed, and some shops were looted, police said.

Thursday's clashes were the most violent in recent weeks in West Berlin, and followed a demonstration calling for the release of all those arrested over squatting incidents in the city, where squatters have taken over more than 160 buildings.

Woman escapes U.S. kidnapper

LOS ANGELES, June 26 (R) — A ransom of \$500,000 was demanded for the release of the kidnapped 25-year-old daughter of multimillionaire film financier Mel Simon but she escaped and no money was handed over, a police spokesman said. The spokesman said Thursday night that a note found in Simon's letter box demanded the money in exchange for his daughter, Deborah.

Pedro Oiguel Lorenzo, described as a Spanish national, is being held on a series of charges, including kidnapping. Simon has backed a number of films including *The Street Man*, starring Peter O'Toole. The spokesman said Miss Simon was kidnapped outside her parents' home Tuesday evening at the point of what proved to be a replica gun.



KARAMANLIS HONORED: Greek President Constantine Karamanlis (fourth from left) and the Portuguese government (below) headed by Prime Minister Finto Balsemão, in white suit, are at attention as the national anthems are played during an extraordinary session of parliament in honor of Karamanlis in Lisbon Friday. The Greek president is on an official visit to Portugal.

U.S. readies for arms negotiations

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP) — The Reagan administration has asserted it is actively preparing for negotiations with the Soviet Union on restricting theater nuclear forces (TNF) in Europe and expects them to begin "by the end of the year."

David Passage, the State Department's associate spokesman, made the statement Thursday to clear up what he said are erroneous conclusions derived from testimony by Eugene Rostow, director-designate of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, that TNF talks will be delayed for many months.

Rostow told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee earlier this week that he hoped the United States would be able to resume Strategic Arms Limitation Talks with the Soviets in about nine months.

"Some have erroneously concluded that this means that U.S.-Soviet negotiations on theater nuclear forces could not begin until March 1982," Passage said. "Let me state emphatically that this is not the case," he said.

"We are actively preparing for the TNF negotiations," Passage said, adding that the dates and procedural issues will be decided at a September meeting between Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

"We have already initiated preparatory contacts with Soviet officials in Washington," he said. "We have been meeting with our allies and will be meeting again throughout the summer to discuss preparations for the negotiations."

BRIEFS

ROME, (AFP) — Pope John Paul II was Friday continuing to rest in the Gemelli clinic where his doctors said his fever had dropped and that it was unlikely that a health bulletin would be issued before Saturday.

PARIS, (AFP) — A lone security guard fought off three armed gangsters, killing one and injuring another, during a pay snatch attempt close to the Eiffel Tower Friday. The raiders sped off in the car. Several streets away, the body of one raider hit the sidewalk as the car zig-zagged through the morning peak hour traffic. A truck blocked their way, the two men ditched the car and escaped on

foot, leaving a puddle of blood on one front seat.

CARACAS, Venezuela, (AP) — Venezuela's air force commander has confirmed his country will purchase F-16 fighter planes from the United States. Gen. Maximiliano Hernandez, in, making the announcement Wednesday did not say how many aircraft his country will buy.

DENVER, Colorado (AP) — The 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, who is currently living in exile in India, is scheduled to visit the United States in August, a local Buddhist official said Friday.

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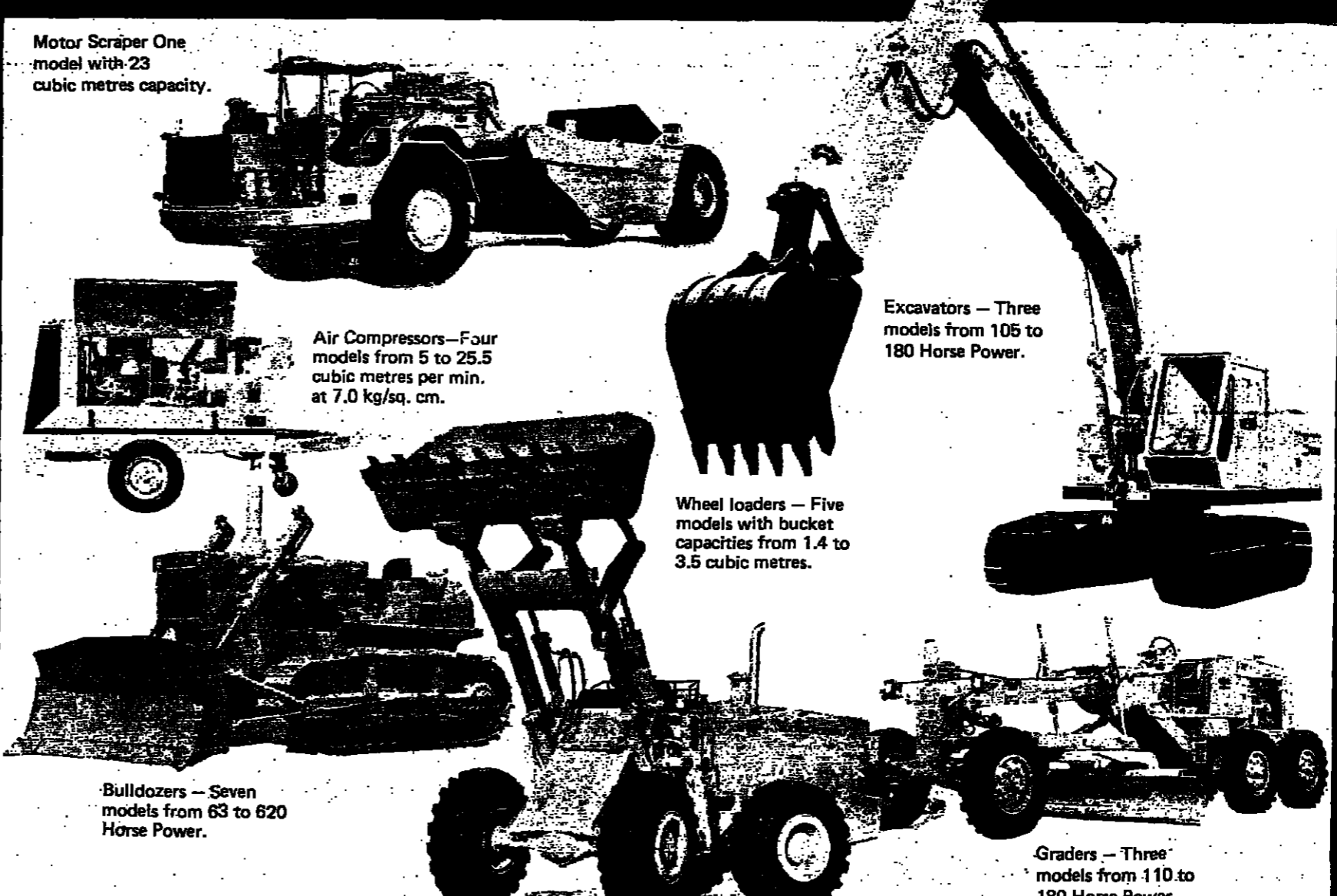
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Banks reach accord on Polish debt issue

PARIS, June 26 (R) — International banks have agreed on the outline of a compromise for rescheduling the \$2.37 billion of Poland's commercial debt due this year.

A communique after a two-day meeting here on Poland's request for deferment of payments on the debt indicated that differences between the U.S. and European banks had been mostly bridged, although they were still short of a definitive agreement.

The statement after the meeting of 19 banks, representing 460 creditor banks to which Warsaw owes some \$15 billion said they had unanimously agreed on the approach to be adopted to help Poland meet its commitments this year. But it said the banks would need to meet again next month to finalize Thursday's proposals.

Banking sources said the agreement was a compromise between the U.S. banks, which sought to freeze Poland's commercial debt for the rest of this year, with interest payments continuing, and European banks which wanted to reschedule it over seven to eight years.

U.S. lifts interest rate ceiling

WASHINGTON, June 26 (R) — The U.S. government has removed some limits on interest rates that may be paid by banks and

Japan registers fall in car sales

TOKYO, June 26 (R) — Japanese car exports fell in May compared with the month before, but were still higher than a year ago, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association said Friday.

Compared with April, exports last month fell six percent to 525,001 vehicles. But the total was up 5.5 percent compared with May last year.

Exports to the European Common Market were down 10.1 percent and to the U.S. by three percent compared with May last year. But shipments to West Germany rose 29.7 percent and to Canada by 51.1 percent. Vehicle exports in May were worth more than \$2.6 billion to Japan.

moratorium on payments of principal between March 26 and Dec. 31 this year broadly along the lines proposed by 63 U.S. banks last week in New York.

This would give all the banks time to discuss European and Japanese recommendations to extend repayment of this year's outstanding loans over seven to eight years probably from January 1982. The U.S. banks have been reluctant to accept this plan until they get more information from the Polish government that would give some hope for an improvement in the economy.

Poland, struggling to honor debts totaling \$ 27 billion, asked the European Common Market this week for \$500 million of fresh aid pay interest on its debts and cope with one of the deepest economic crises in its history.

European heads of government are due to consider the Polish appeal at the European Community summit in Luxembourg next Monday and Tuesday.

Warsaw is anxious for an early agreement on the commercial debt due for repayment this year. An agreement would regularise its position with creditors and enable it to seek more short term financial aid from abroad.

depository institutions deregulation committee voted Thursday to eliminate from August 1 the rates on time deposits of over four years and said that ceilings on shorter-term deposits would be allowed to change with market interest rates. The level of interest paid to savers has been tightly restricted. The last Congress ordered that limits be phased out.

The committee approved a plan on the phasing out of all interest rate ceilings except those on passbook savings. The committee will discuss lifting limits on passbook saving at its next meeting.

The removal of the ceilings could be good news for small depositors whose saving have not been able to keep pace with inflation. They could now begin to earn market interest rates on certificates of deposit of four years or longer. Market rates are currently about 16 percent.

BBC trims overseas programs

LONDON, June 26 (AFP) — The government has announced that for economy reasons it is dropping seven foreign-language programs — including Burmese and Somali — put out by British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) external services.

Although the BBC is independent under state charter, its external services are governed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The seven programs are in French, Italian, and Spanish, all beamed to Europe, Portuguese (beamed to Brazil), Maltese, and Somali. The decision means the BBC will broadcast only 33 foreign-language programs, against 40 previously.

Commenting on the decision, BBC external services Director-General Douglas Muggerside said: "If implemented, this would be the seventh successive cut in eight years in the external services budget, at a time when all other major international stations are increasing the resources of their overseas services. "It would greatly endanger the worldwide standing and effectiveness of the BBC's external broadcasting."

He said the BBC, with about 100 million foreign listeners, had now slipped to world sixth place in terms of hours broadcast in foreign languages.

Sequel to French events

Swiss franc demand soars

ZURICH, June 26 (R) — The Swiss franc, after a year of unaccustomed weakness, is back at the top of the list of desirable currencies for international investors, along with the powerful dollar.

As uncertainties surround the French franc, the West German mark and the pound sterling, the Swiss franc could be set for a period of sustained strength, senior dealers of Swiss and foreign banks said here.

The advent of the left to power in France is the most immediate cause of its appreciation, which began a month ago with the election of Socialist Francois Mitterrand as president and became more pronounced Wednesday after the appointment of four Communists to the new government.

But the prevailing view among dealers questioned by Reuters is that the French election result may have merely set a change in trend which was coming anyway.

Fears of political and economic instability in France, the increasingly ominous signs of Soviet protests over Poland and a further political upheaval in Iran have contributed to restoring the Swiss currency's traditional image as a safe refuge in times of turmoil, they said.

Switzerland's buoyant economy, relatively low inflation rate and comfortable balance of payments position compare favorably with nearly every other industrialized country. Most of these underlying factors are not new, but the shock of the change of regime in France has focused the exchange markets' attention on them, the dealers said.

Yugoslav firm wins \$570m Iraqi contract

BELGRADE, June 26 (R) — Two Yugoslav firms have won construction contracts worth more than \$1 billion in Iraq and Libya, officials here said.

The Hidrogradnj Company of Sarajevo was awarded \$570 million contract for the construction of the Haditha 660-megawatt (MW) hydro-electric power station on the Euphrates River in Iraq. A number of other Yugoslav companies will provide the equipment for the station.

Energoprojekt of Belgrade has signed a contract to build a \$230 million dollar academy in Libya as well as contracts worth \$270 million for an irrigation system in Iraq and road reconstruction in the capital Baghdad.

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Triumph for Reagan

Congress foils anti-tax cut move

WASHINGTON, June 26 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's budget cutting program now is virtually assured of passage in the House of Representatives after members rejected efforts by Democratic leaders to block the administration's proposals.

In a dramatic 217 to 210 vote, Reagan and Republican leaders Thursday defeated the Democrats on a procedural issue that would have prevented the president's sweeping budget cuts.

Reagan, lobbying vigorously by telephone from Los Angeles, won over the votes of 29 wavering Democrats whom he later called "courageous." The president said he was extremely pleased with the result. It reversed a rule that would have barred a vote on the full Republican package and cleared the way for a ballot on only the most unpopular parts of it, such as steep cuts in social security and child nutrition.

The House will vote Friday on whether to accept the Democratic package or the Republican version, which would slash about

\$20 billion more from government spending until the end of 1984.

The Republicans' procedural victory Thursday gives the Reagan forces a considerable advantage because it allows House members to appear to be voting for the program of a popular president rather than against popular government programs that the president wants cut. If Reagan wins his expected House victory, he will have accomplished a major part of his economic package which also includes across-the-board tax cuts of 25 percent over the next three years.

In the Republican-controlled Senate, the budget cuts are virtually assured of passage. Reagan won another victory Thursday when the Republican-dominated Senate Finance Committee voted 19 to 1 to approve his tax cuts. Democratic congressional leaders have charged that Reagan's economic plan will boost inflation and that it favors the rich at the expense of poor and middle-income Americans.

In another development, the Senate

Armed Services Committee approved a \$4.5 billion pay raise for the U.S. military Thursday, ranging from 7 percent to 22 percent for people in different grades of service.

The House of Representatives Armed Services Committee has approved an across-the-board 0.43 percent increase, but an amendment that would target the money according to grade is expected to be offered on the House floor.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger reaffirmed the Reagan administration's support of the 14.3 percent pay raise during House hearing Tuesday.

Senator Tower, chairman of the Senate committee, said the panel targeted the increase on middle-grade and senior enlisted personnel to improve incentives for them to remain in the service.

The bill also would boost basic allowances for living quarters and subsistence drawn by uniformed personnel hazardous duty pay and reimbursement for personnel reassigned under permanent change of station orders.

Strike hits Heathrow airport

LONDON, June 26 (AP) — British Airways cancelled 117 European and domestic flights at London's Heathrow Airport Friday when air traffic controllers staged another in a series of sporadic strikes for more pay. Some long distance flights were delayed, airlines reported.

British Airways chief executive Roy Watts said the 16-week dispute, part of a major pay

wrangle between the nation's 530,000 civil servants and the government will have cost the airline £40 million (\$80 million) by the end of June.

This could rise to £80 or 90 million (\$160 to 180 million) by August, he said, because of cancellations and travellers bypassing London.

The nine civil service unions seek a 15-percent pay increase for their members, whose salaries range from £4,500 to 33,000 (\$9,000 to 66,000) a year. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's conservative government has made a "final" offer of seven percent.

The government is expected to announce on Monday an independent inquiry into future civil service pay, but it will not tackle the present wage dispute.

Meanwhile, Britain's 17,000 ambulance workers gave a mixed response to a second official one-day strike-Thursday in support of their 15 percent claim, with many crews working normally, but others striking without providing emergency cover. Leaders of Britain's railway workers have threatened an indefinite shutdown of the London underground from July 20, nine days before the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. They want an eight percent pay offer improved.

London stock market

LONDON, June 26 (R) — Defense-related electronic stocks firmed in active trading in continued reaction to Thursday's U.K. defense review which contained few cut-backs in orders, dealers said.

Other leading industrials were easier and at 1500 hours, the forward trading index was down 3.1 at 544.8.

GEC closed at the day's high of 733p, up 18p, while Ferranti rose 30p to 580p, dealers added. Other leading equities lost between 2p and 6p on renewed uncertainty over the short term U.S. interest rate trend. U.S. and Canadian shares were mixed.

Other defense related-issues to rise included Plessey which added 12p at 339p, Racal added 13p at 419p while British Aerospace gained 12p at 238p—after 240p.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Saudi Dinar	—	9.60	9.55
Belgian Franc (1,000)	88.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.84	—	2.840
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.00	143.75	143.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	129.00	129.50	129.20
Egyptian Pound	—	4.08	4.24
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	92.50	92.90
French Franc (100)	60.00	60.75	60.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	62.00	59.05
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	39.35
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	25.00	—
Israeli Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	29.30	28.90
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	—	15.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.20	10.15
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.17	12.15
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	79.10	79.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	67.00	64.35
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.58
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	43.40
Pound Sterling	6.75	6.75	6.70
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.50	93.80
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	160.45
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	36.05
Swiss Franc (100)	168.00	168.15	168.20
Syrian Lira (100)	—	66.00	65.10
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	33.50
U.S. Dollar	3.41	3.4190	3.4120
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	75.25	74.75

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Ounce	1,560.00	1,540.00

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Third World urges return to free trade

HONG KONG, June 26 (R) — Developing textile exporting nations ended a week-long conference here Friday calling for a gradual return to free world trade in textiles.

The 21-nation conference concluded that there should be a liberalization of the textile trade supervised by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), conference chairman Felipe Jaramillo said. Some developed countries, including Britain, France and Italy, have been calling for tighter import restrictions on clothing and textiles from developing countries.

Jaramillo, Colombia ambassador to the U.N., told a press conference the meeting also found the terms of the existing multilateral arrangement (MFA) restrictive and unacceptable, and stressed that the six percent textile export growth rate guaranteed for the developing countries under the earlier 1974 MFA was an absolute minimum. But Hong Kong trade commissioner Peter Tsao, told the meeting a new arrangement was necessary as the current state of the world textile trade would not stand immediate liberalization.

Jaramillo, also chairman of the informal group of developing nations in Gatt, said the conclusions reached here would serve as a negotiating basis for the full meeting of the 50-nation textiles committee of GATT in Geneva next month.

Kuwait rate to stay

Ecuador cuts oil price anew

QUITO, June 26 (R) — Ecuador has announced a further cut in the price of its crude oil from \$33 a barrel to \$32.

The state oil concern of Ecuador (Cepe) said Thursday the cut was aimed at adapting the price of Ecuadorean crude to world market conditions.

Ecuador, one of the smallest of the 13 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), first cut its oil price by \$3 on June 5. Mexico, Britain, Venezuela and Norway have also dropped their prices because of the world glut and falling demand.

Thursday, oil industry sources in London said Saudi Arabia planned to reduce its production of 450,000 barrels per day (BPD) to 9.85 million from July 1, said it would have little effect on the depressed world oil market.

In Kuwait, Oil Minister Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah said the British decision this month to cut its North Sea oil rate by more than \$4 a barrel was a purely political move.

In remarks reported by the newspaper *Al Hadaf*, he said there was no reason for

Kuwait to reduce its oil rate as the international demand for crude oil would rise from September onwards. Kuwait would not lower its rate below \$35.5 a barrel, but would review the premium it adds to the selling price, the minister said.

Meanwhile, output of oil and gas from January to May inclusive in the Norwegian area of the North Sea was four percent down on a year earlier at 21,540,000 oil tons equivalent, government statistics showed Friday.

Ekofisk production was only six million tons against previous 10 million. In May, this field provided just 1,650,000 tons. Statfjord field produced 2,270,000 tons against 1,040,000 tons. Marchison field supplied 220,000 tons. Ekofisk gas output was 6,482,000 tons and Frigg gave 4,937,000 tons.

U.S. buys \$78m worth of cobalt

WASHINGTON, June 26 (R) — The United States says it has bought \$78 million worth of cobalt for its strategic stockpile, the first big purchase in more than 20 years.


The deal with a company in Zaire is the first step taken by the Reagan administration to improve the stockpile of minerals and other commodities considered essential for defense and industrial production in the event of a war.

Cobalt is a vital metal for jet engines, missile guidance systems and other defense-related equipment.

Turkey ups petrol price

ANKARA, June 26 (R) — Turkey Friday increased the price of petrol and other petroleum products by about seven percent. The second rise in just over a month.

Super petrol rose by 7.6 percent to 71 lira per liter (\$2.95 per gallon), normal petrol by 6 percent, 64 lira per liter (\$2.66 per gallon) and diesel by 7.1 percent at 45 lira per liter (\$1.86 per gallon). On May 22 petrol prices were raised by about 13 percent as part of general price.



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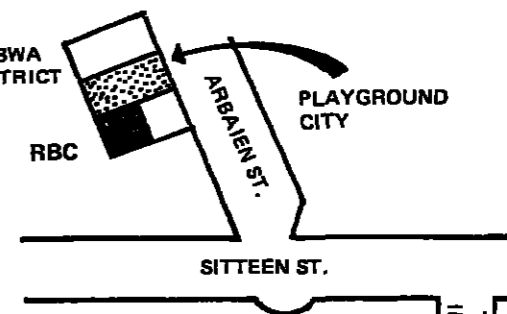
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McEnroe keeps his cool

Australian surprises Clerc

WIMBLEDON, England, June 26 (AP) — John McEnroe kept his dignity in the face of blatantly bad line calls Friday and defeated Bob Lutz 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 for a place in the last 16 of the Wimbledon Tennis Championship. He was plainly trying not to repeat the scenes in his first round match which led to a fine of \$1,500 and a threat of expulsion. Yet another seed was beaten. Paul Kronk, 26-year-old Australian, upset ninth-seeded Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 7-6, with the third round still to be completed, only seven of the 16 seeds were now

left in contention. McEnroe said after his match he got a little angry with himself while playing Lutz — but he showed no sign of it to the 8,000 fans on No. 1 court. "There were some line call mistakes today," he said. "I have played tennis for most of my life, so I should know and see better than an elderly person with glasses." But he never said a word during the match itself, and the crowd gave him more than one sympathetic round of applause. Chris Evert-Lloyd and Hana Mandlikova, the top seeds, both won in straight sets and

reached the last 16 of the women's singles. Evert-Lloyd, the favorite, defeated Lele Farood, from her own home town of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 6-2, 7-6. Mandlikova, No. 2 seed, beat American Andrea Buchanan 6-4, 6-0.

Evert-Lloyd was 2-4 down in the second set but came back to force a tiebreaker and won it by seven points to four. Mandlikova ran up a 5-0 lead over Buchanan but the Los Angeles player then won three games in a row. After that she never won another.

Late Thursday, big serving Roscoe Tanner's dream of winning Wimbledon was cruelly shattered by a man who at 30 years old has finally come good.

Tanner, the beaten finalist here in 1979 and seeded eight this year, lost 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6 to Brazilian Carlos Kirmayr who until the last few months was a seasoned also-ran.

The serving-machine from Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, was not alone in losing to an outsider as the men's seeding list continued to take a pounding. Number six seed Brian Teacher of the United States, was ousted by Vijay Amritraj of India.

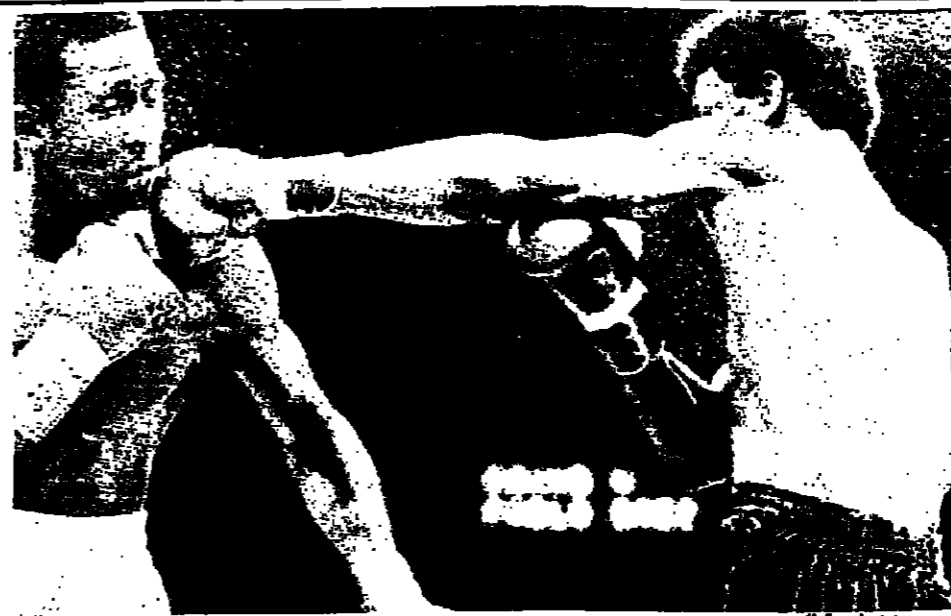
In the women's tournament, French Open Champion and No. 2 seed Hana Mandlikova showed the full range of her class in ousting American Anne Smith and she was joined in the last 32 by No. 3 seed Tracy Austin and No. 5 seed Andrea Jaeger.

The only women's seed to lose Thursday was American Bettina Bunge who went out in straight sets to British No. 2 Sue Barker. With the last 32 complete in the women's tournament, 12 seeds are still going.

Tanner had once again "built his timetable around winning the big one here and a potentially explosive semifinal against John McEnroe loomed ahead. That was to reckon with the all-court abilities of the astonishing Kirmayr, however, who at 30 years old, has found a new lease of life.

Kirmayr got off to a whirlwind start and sped to a two set lead before Tanner reacted and found the range with his blockbusting serves. Tanner took the third set but he then injured his right ankle and thereafter it was all downhill for the man who has wrecked the hopes of so many big names here. Tanner was generous in defeat, saying that Kirmayr had employed just the right tactics under the overcast, cold conditions to win the match.

"He has a fine serve-volley game and he is so quick before the court. I have had trouble with him before and today he quite simply was the better player," he added.



ONE-UP: Thomas Hearns takes a left from Pablo Baez in the third round of the WBA welterweight title fight in Houston Thursday. Hearns won the bout with a fourth round knockout victory.

For double crown

Leonard pins Kalule to the canvas in ninth

HOUSTON, Texas, June 26 (R) — Sugar Ray Leonard won his second world boxing title Thursday night capturing the World Boxing Association junior middleweight crown from Uganda's Ayub Kalule when the referee stopped the fight in the ninth round.

Kalule, 27, who had never been knocked down in 36 professional fights, was floored by two tremendous right crosses to the head.

He struggled to his feet at the count of eight. But referee Carlos Berreca of Panama, after surveying the Ugandan's condition as he leaned against the ropes, waved the American away to signify that the World Boxing Council welterweight champion had collected the WBA title.

Until Leonard caught Kalule with the two wicked right hand leads, he was locked in a battle-royal with the Ugandan. Kalule had Leonard in trouble several times as they slugged it out toe-to-toe for most of the fight with the 30,000-strong crowd in the Houston Astrodome roaring him on.

On several occasions, Leonard unleashed furious barrages that appeared to stun Kalule. But the Ugandan, who now lives in Denmark, usually retaliated with strong right hooks or left crosses that appeared to hurt Leonard.

The victory made Leonard a double champion. He holds the WBC welterweight crown and will drop back down to the 147-pound division for a universal welterweight title showdown against Thomas Hearns Sept. 16. The fight is expected to be held in Las Vegas.

Hearns keeps title In another bout, Thomas, "hitman" Hearns of Detroit battered Pablo Baez of the Dominican Republic to retain his World Boxing Association welterweight title.

Hearns floored Baez in his own corner for a count of six with three wicked right-handers to the jaw in the fourth round. The challenger got to his feet but Hearns drove him back into the ropes with two vicious left-right combinations and two more rights to the head.

As Baez, 23, staggered against a ring support, two minutes and 10 seconds into the round, referee Kenneth Merita of Japan stepped in and signalled it was all over.

The fourth-round knockdown was the only one in the fight but Hearns, 22, was in total command from the start. He hit the Dominican with more than a score of solid rights and repeatedly connected with crisp left jabs and sharp combinations to the body as he cruised to his 32nd consecutive victory.

S. Koreans, Argentines share Cup

SEOUL, South Korea, June 26 (AP) — Argentina's Racing de Cordoba and defending champions South Korea battled to a 2-2 draw and shared the 11th President's Cup in an international soccer tournament here Friday.

Artilo Eduardo got the Argentines the opening goal seven minutes from the start following a pass from Luis Antonio Amuchastegui to enable his side lead 1-0 at the half-time.

The South Koreans levelled score in the 51st minute, but the unbeaten Argentines once again shot ahead two minutes later. The South Koreans, however, came back strongly to tie the score once again in the 75th minute before 20,000 fans at the Seoul Municipal Stadium.

Brazil's Vitoria took the third place beating Uruguay's Danubio 1-0. The Uruguayans finished fourth in the 12-team, 10-days tournament. The teams were divided into two groups and consisted of teams from France and West Germany besides national teams of Japan, Indonesia, Liechtenstein, Thailand and Malaysia.

English League draw Meanwhile the draw for the first round of the English Football League Cup was made in London Thursday. The matches to be played over two legs, in weeks commencing August 31 and September is as follows:

Bury v. Carlisle, Tranmere v. Burnley, Halifax v. Preston, Bradford v. Blackpool, Wigan v. Stockport, Huddersfield v. Rochdale, Bolton v. Oldham, Cardiff v. Exeter, Bristol City v. Walsall, Chester v. Plymouth, Torquay v. Newport, Wrexham v. Windon, Bristol Rovers v. Crewe, Hereford v. Port Vale, Scunthorpe v. Mansfield, Doncaster v. Chesterfield, Northampton v. Hartlepool, Sheffield United v. York, Darlington v. Rotherham, Lincoln v. Hull, Peterborough v. Barnsley, Aldershot v. Wimbledon, Colchester v. Gillingham, Oxford v. Brentford, Reading v. Charlton, Bournemouth v. Fulham, Southend v. Portsmouth, Orient v. Millwall.

Maertens moves up NICE, June 26 (AFP) — Freddy Maertens of Belgium broke away from the leading pack to take the first stage of the Tour de France Road Cycling race here Friday just ahead of Sean Kelly of Ireland.

But it was a disastrous first stage for race favorite and winner of Thursday's prologue, Bernard Hinault of France.

Thou shall not grunt

WIMBLEDON, England, June 26 (AP) — Another problem surfaced Thursday for the staid, stuffy fathers of Wimbledon Tennis — the proliferation of grunts.

Subtly, these guardians of propriety have passed word down to umpires and players that they would like to see a lowering of the decibel factor on the manicured courts of the all-England Championships.

The warning has seeped down to Jimmy Connors, one of the pioneers and most unmelodious of the game's noisemakers. "The umpire said something to me about grunting in my opening match," Connors, 1974 men's champion and three times a runnerup said Thursday after dispatching champion Chris Lewis of New Zealand in a second round match.

"The umpire said to me, 'please try to hold down the grunting.'" I laughed and told him that there was nothing I could do about it, he would have to defuse me. "I said, 'okay,' and there was no problem."

Connors said he had been grunting on shots since he was a junior and noted that he

isn't the only one guilty of noise pollution in the fury of court combat. "John McEnroe grunts," he said. "Brian Gottfried grunts. Chris Evert grunts. Tracy Austin grunts. Almost everybody grunts these days."

Connors said he didn't know what might happen when some of these more prominent grunners get on the center court. Jimmy was asked if he had ever had a medical opinion on whether grunting might have advantageous aspects. "No," he replied, adding that it seems to have aided karate experts.

"Those karate guys are always expelling air and yelling when they fight," he said. "It might scare somebody. I don't know what it has to do with the mental state. In tennis, I don't think it scares anybody."

Actually, the former No. 1 player of the world added, grunting seems to have become as much a part of the game as the two-fisted backhand. "Go out and watch juniors play," he advised. "All the kids are out there hitting those two-fisted backhands and going 'ugh, ugh, ugh.'"

Friday's results

Men's singles (third round): John McEnroe (U.S.) beat Bob Lutz (U.S.) 6-4, 6-2, 6-0; Peter McNamara (Australia) beat Andrew Pattison (U.S.) 6-1, 6-0, 7-3; Paul Kronk (Australia) beat Jose Luis Clerc (Argentina) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 7-6; Wojtek Fibak (Poland) beat Brad Drewett (Australia) 7-6, 6-1, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4; F. Gonzales (U.S.) beat Paul McNamee (Australia) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; J. Fitzgerald (Australia) beat M. Wilander (Sweden) 6-0, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; R. Frawley (Australia) beat C. Kirmayr (Brazil) 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; J. Kriek (South Africa) beat R.

Simpson (New Zealand) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. Women's singles (third round): Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) beat Andrea Buchanan (U.S.) 6-3, 6-0; Chris Evert-Lloyd (U.S.) beat Lele Farood (U.S.) 6-2, 7-6; Claudia Pasquale (Switzerland) beat Dianne Fromholtz (Australia) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; Martina Navratilova (U.S.) beat Sharon Walsh (U.S.) 6-1, 2-6, 6-0; Mina Lausovec (Yugoslavia) beat Renee Blount (U.S.) 6-2, 7-5; B. Nagelsen (U.S.) beat S. Barker (Britain) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; J. Durie (Britain) beat W. White (U.S.) 7-5, 6-2.

COMPUTERWORLD MAGAZINE REPORTED

Desktop, Personal Computers Surveyed Vector Graphic Tops Micro Heavyweights

by Tim Scannell
CW Staff

DELRAN, N.J. — Vector Graphic Inc. microcomputers came out on top in a recent Datapro Research Corp. survey of desktop and personal computers, beating out three of the industry's 8-bit heavyweights. The California-based firm's machines scored better than those from Apple Computer, Inc. Commodore Business Machines, Inc., and Tandy Corp.'s Radio Shack in terms of user satisfaction. Vector Graphic's microcomputer-based systems also beat the IBM 5100 and Hewlett-Packard Co.'s 9800 systems, which were included in the multicategory survey.

Besides winning the overall satisfaction trophy, Vector Graphic machines in the survey were also rated as being easier to use and more reliable in terms of the CPU and its related peripherals.

Datapro's survey of desktop, personal and microcomputer systems is the third part of the research firm's extensive annual "User Ratings of Computer Systems." Other parts of the survey, excerpted in previous issues of Computerworld, include ratings on more than 2,200 mainframe systems and 2,804 minicomputers. This year marks the second time that Datapro has contacted users from its own and Computerworld's subscriber lists to find out how users employ the systems and what they think about their performance and prices. The 55-page report is available for \$25 from Datapro Research Corp., 1805 Underwood Blvd., Delran, N.J. 08075.

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Baseball talks cover new plans

NEW YORK, June 26 (AP) — Negotiators say they had "some meaningful discussion," during the longest bargaining session so far since the baseball strike started two weeks ago.

"We had a very long session we exchanged some lengthy dialogue and we had some meaningful discussion," Ray Grebey, director of the Clubdowner's Player Relations Committee, said after more than five hours of meetings broke up late Thursday. Another session was scheduled for Friday, starting at 1:30 p.m.

The striking Major League Baseball Players Association subcommitted a counterplan to Wednesday's proposals from management in which the owners modified their previous stand on compensation for free agents lost through the re-entry draft.

Grebeby, however, said the counterproposal was basically the same as the players' pre-strike suggestion for a compensation pool of players, which the owners had said was unacceptable. The players suggested each team signing a free agent put four players from its major league roster into a pool.

Bob Boone of the Philadelphia Phillies, the National League players representative, said the striking players were "somewhat disappointed" by the owners' latest each year who would require a major league player as compensation and also would reduce the percentage of players who would qualify as "ranking" free agents.

Argentina to meet Mexico in final

MEXICO CITY, June 26 (AP) — Mexico defeated Paraguay 2-0 Thursday, and qualified to meet Argentina in the final of the Joao Havelange Junior Soccer Tournament here Thursday.

The Mexicans demonstrating unusual penetration and sustained pressure throughout the game, led 1-0 at the breather.

Argentina qualified defeating Spain 3-1 Wednesday in the Northern City of Monterrey. The U.S., Brazil, Yugoslavia and Poland also competed in the eight-team tournament, which was divided into two groups.

The finals between Mexico and Argentina has been scheduled for Saturday night at the Mexican Capital's Aztec Stadium, with Spain and Brazil playing for the third and fourth spot.

In Memphis Classic Tom Kite forges ahead

MEMPHIS, Tennessee June 26 (AP) — Tom Kite, who seems to challenge on a weekly basis, struggled through muggy, strength-sapping heat to a 5-under-par 67 and the first round lead Thursday in the \$300,000 Danny Thomas-Memphis Golf Classic.

"It was a pretty solid round of ball-hitting," said Kite, who has won once this season and been 10th or better in 10 of 15 other starts.

With many of the game's leading performers taking a week off in this event immediately following the American National Championship, Kite held a 1-stroke lead over Larry Ziegler, who put together an eagle-par-birdie finish for a 68 on the 7,249-yard Colonial Country Club course.

The heat was severe. The temperatures reached into the mid-90s, reducing the gallery to unusually small proportion. The group at 69, 3-under-par and two off the lead, included former U.S. Open champ Jerry Pate, Curtis Strange, Scott Simpson and Jon Chaffee.

Of the leaders, only Pate and Chaffee played in the gusty afternoon winds. The others competed in the relative calm of the morning.

Bruce Lietzke, winner of three titles this year and No. 3 on the season's money-winning list, was 1-under-par at 71. Kite, winner of the Inverrary Classic three months ago and No. 5 on the money-winning list with \$184,000, had a string of seven consecutive tournaments in which he finished seventh or better. The streak was broken last week in the U.S. Open, where he was 20th.

Meanwhile, Michel Damiano of France and Canadian Daniel Talbot shared the lead Thursday after the first round of a \$100,000 international tournament to decide the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association Championship.

Damiano and Talbot had identical nines of 33-35-68 and had a 1-stroke lead over New Zealand veteran Bob Charles and Don Allman, a part-time pro from Canada, after one round over the 6,755-yard, par-72 Westmount Golf and Country Club layout.

Dave Barr of Canada, was another stroke back at 70 — 2-under-par while the tournament co-favorites, David Graham of Australia, winner of last weekend's U.S. Open, PGA tour veteran Ray Floyd and Juan Pinzon of Colombia, were another stroke off the pace at 71.

Defending champion Arnold Palmer ran into difficulties on the back nine, firing a 41 for a round of 78 — 10 strokes behind the leaders. Dan Halldorson, another pre-tournament favorite from the American tour, posted a 75.

In Rochester, Jan Stephenson, bogeying the last hole in a downpour, carded a 3-under-par 70 to tie four other Ladies Professional Golf Association competitors for the first-day lead in the \$125,000 Sarah Coventry Tournament.

Pat Bradley and little-known Kathy Martin, and Lenore Muraoka, who finished earlier, also claimed a share of the lead.

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Balderstone steers Leicester to victory

LONDON, June 26 (AP) — Leicestershire defeated Sussex by four wickets in a Benson and Hedges Cup quarterfinal at Hove Thursday to join Surrey and Somerset in the semi-finals of the one-day competition.

Opener Chris Balderstone hit 67 in Leicestershire's win after Sussex scrambled just 196 for nine in 55 overs, with Paul Phillipson top-scorer on 59.

pitch has waterlogged so both sides agreed to switch the match to a neutral, dry ground if necessary. Depending on weather conditions Friday, it will be played at the Oval in London.

Visiting Sri Lanka defeated Middlesex in a 50-over match at Watford, the tourists winning by two runs with R.D. Mendis top-scorer on 64.

Meanwhile, Intikhab Alam, the Pakistani all-rounder who has played in 47 Tests — 17

as captain — announced Thursday that he will be retiring at the end of the season. He has played for Surrey since 1969.

Summaries: Benson and Hedges Cup quarterfinal, At Hove, Sussex 196 for nine (Phillipson 59), Leicestershire 199 for six (Balderstone 67). Leicestershire won by four wickets.

Tour match (50 overs): At Watford, Sri Lanka 211 (Mendis 64), Middlesex 209 for 9 (D.S. de Silva four for 28). Sri Lanka won by two runs.

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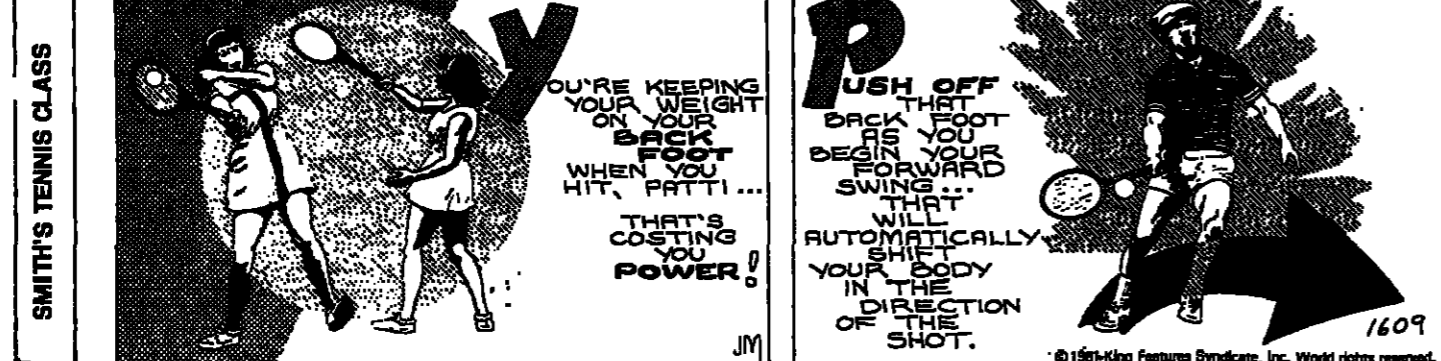
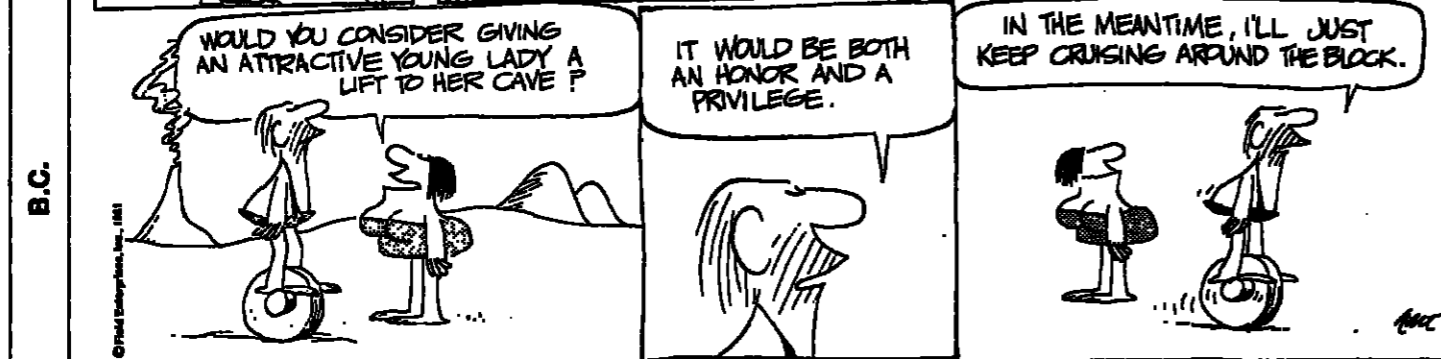
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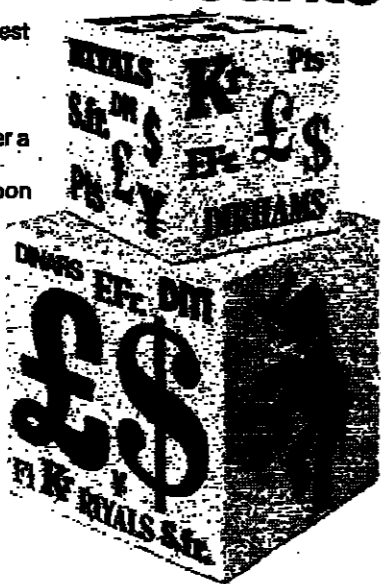
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Bush parleys boost confidence in NATO EEC move on Mideast endorsed

LONDON, June 26 (Agencies) — U.S. Vice President George Bush, who completed two days of talks with the new Socialist leaders of France and the Conservative government in Britain, said Friday he felt new confidence in the NATO alliance.

At a news conference before departing for Washington, Bush tried to soothe French feelings ruffled by reports that the United States had sought and received from French President Francois Mitterrand an assurance that the four Communists in his new cabinet will not be privy to security and defense discussions.

"I just have a feeling ... There won't be the complications some might think," Bush told reporters. Bush said, without elaboration, that he had received a frank "explanation" from Mitterrand.

Bush, on his first visit to France and Britain since the Reagan administration took office, conferred with Mitterrand Wednesday and met British officials Thursday and Friday.

Bush said that Washington was satisfied with measures taken by Britain in its newly announced program for cutting defense spending. "The United Kingdom is keeping its commitments to NATO," he said.

Bush described his talks here Friday with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as "extremely useful and positive," and that there was "no argument at all" between the United States and Britain. The talks covered the Middle East situation and the proposed Mideast peace drive by the European Economic Community (EEC) when Britain takes over its presidency on July 1.

"The European initiative in the Middle East is not incompatible with American efforts for peace," Bush said. "There is no linkage between the European initiative and the Camp David process," he added.

The EEC initiative, strongly supported by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, seeks to include the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in peace negotiations, a move opposed by the United States.

Department row leaves Haig sore

LOS ANGELES, June 26 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said Thursday he was "sorry and disappointed" about a bureaucratic dispute in which two of his aides were quoted as criticizing Jeane J. Kirkpatrick for her behind-the-scenes negotiations on a United Nations resolution condemning Israel. But, Haig said after meeting with President Ronald Reagan, he does not plan to punish anyone in connection with the dispute.

The conflict, generated by a story in Wednesday's editions of The New York Times, has left Haig angry and caused ill feelings at the State Department, the White House and the U.S. mission to the United Nations. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

The Times story, quoting unnamed aides to Haig who are accompanying him home after a trip to Asia, described Haig's behind-the-scenes efforts to protect Israel's interests during last week's U.N. debate on Israel's bombing of an Iraqi nuclear reactor.



THATCHER'S GUESTS: Sharing a joke before dinner at No. 10 Downing Street, official residence of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, in London Thursday are U.S. Vice President George Bush (center) and his wife (extreme left) and (from right) U.S. Ambassador Lewis and wife Jo.

Over Communist ministers

France denounces American concern

PARIS, June 26 (Agencies) — A top French official and the press — from left to right — reacted with annoyance Friday to American expressions of concern over four Communist ministers in the new French government.

The U.S. State Department had said "it is a fact that the tone and content of our relationship as allies will be affected by the inclusion of Communists in that (French) government or in any government of our Western European allies."

And U.S. Vice President George Bush, on a visit to Paris this week, said Communists in the French Cabinet "is bound to cause concern."

Claude Cheysson, French minister of external affairs, said in a radio interview the U.S. reaction was "an error of evaluation," and that it was "destined for American opinion."

Cheysson said that Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, whose party won a huge parliamentary majority on its own, is in a "very strong" position vis-a-vis the Communists. Mitterrand, he said, is able "at any time to appoint a minister or expel a minister."

Cheysson said on television that the U.S. position was "unacceptable and, at the least, surprising." The minister said there were contradictions on the subject between the State Department's official reaction, comments made to him by American leaders during his visit to Washington earlier this month and statements in Paris this week by Vice President Bush.

Cheysson said Thursday any U.S. fears that



Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson the inclusion of Communists "would have a contagious effect" in Europe ignored the unique realities of French politics. "I would not be surprised if someone in Moscow writes a 'thank you' note to Washington for this opportunity," he said.

Cheysson reiterated that "French foreign policy is founded first and foremost on the Atlantic alliance." Pledging France's total solidarity, he described the alliance as "common defense against totalitarianism of those who believe in certain human values".

He backed up the commitment with

renewed condemnation of the Soviet involvement in Afghanistan, the Vietnamese presence in Cambodia and the "Russians' efforts to shatter the nuclear balance in Europe."

The minister refused to be drawn on what aspect of French-U.S. relations could suffer from the decision to include the Communists in the cabinet, but announced that President Ronald Reagan hoped to meet Mitterrand as soon as possible.

The right-wing newspaper Le Figaro said: "We are not happy with the open intervention of the United States in French internal affairs... Mr. Reagan is wrong if he confuses France with El Salvador or Dominica."

The independent, left-leaning Le Monde said: "The United States is lucky to have today a president (of France) who knows the Communists infinitely better than it does." The Americans, Le Monde said, should not forget the "prerogatives of national sovereignty."

The Socialist newspaper Combat said in its headline: "It's France Which Has Chosen, Mr. Reagan." Combat recalled that Mitterrand had said: "The policy of France is that of France and will remain that of France."

The Communist Organ Humanite accused the United States of "outrageous interference in French affairs," and asked if Reagan has the right to those European governments.

In Moscow, Soviet press reaction to the naming of Communist ministers in France has given no clue to the future of relations between the French party and the Kremlin.

Poles get warning from allies

WARSAW, June 26 (Agencies) — Poland's Communist leaders have received a message from their Czechoslovak allies, the third from East bloc states this week and the fourth since the Soviets warned in a letter in early June of threats to socialism, official sources said Friday.

In addition to the Czechoslovak message, the Poles received messages from Hungary and Bulgaria Monday during visits of envoys from both East bloc nations, according to reports of the Polish news agency PAP.

The Soviet Central Committee, in a letter to its Polish counterpart, urged firm action to stem "counterrevolutionary" and "anti-socialist" elements threatening Poland, according to the official text published here June 9.

The Soviet letter also criticized Polish Communist leader Stanislaw Kania and Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski for not acting on previous promises to control Poland's reform drive launched after nationwide strikes last summer.

Official sources would not speculate on the contents of the new Czechoslovak message. The Czechoslovaks received a warning letter from the Soviets prior to the Warsaw Pact intervention to halt a reform movement there in August 1968.

PAP reported the arrival of the Hungarian and Bulgarian messages from Janos Kadar and Odor Zhivkov, those nation's leaders and said both expressed support for the Soviet letter.

Meanwhile, Kania has strengthened his position by rescuing a hard-liner who ran into trouble in local party elections. The secretary of the party's central committee, Tadeusz Grabski, had to call on the Communist Party boss Wednesday to ensure his election at the Poznan provincial conference after delegates refused to accept candidates "imposed" on them from outside the province.

But it took no more than a telephone call from Kania to ensure acceptance of Grabski, who had in the past criticized the Polish premier for a lack of political firmness. Although Grabski and the other candidates have not yet won the mandate they sought from the Poznan conference — made up of delegates from party grassroots organizations — the incident came as proof of Kania's influence.

A similar intervention on the part of Kania was necessary Thursday to ensure the reelection as provincial first secretary of hard-liner Andrzej Zabinski at the Voivode (provincial) conference held at Katowice. Kania, a guest at the conference, found it necessary to assure delegates that he had personally chosen Zabinski as first secretary to succeed Zdzislaw Grudzien, a personal friend of former Polish Premier Edward Gierek.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khaizen

Early in the morning, far too early, I was shocked out of my sleep by the phone. On it was a voice asking excitedly, did I know what's happening to the dollar and how could I sleep so late given the dollar situation and the disastrous plunge of the pound sterling.

It took me a while to realize who the voice on the phone was — that friend whose main task in life has become to monitor every sneeze and hiccup on the financial market, as well as to pester everyone with the information.

"And good morning to you too," I said, "and how are the wife and kids..." But he stopped me impatiently. "You can lie there snug in bed while gold is wobbling... Hold it right there... I know why you can take it so easy... silver is all right, isn't it? Have you moved into silver? Clever, very clever, but you could've told me..." "Look," I said "as far as I'm concerned the dollar and sterling could both take a boat ride — far out in the ocean, and in a very leaky boat. No worry for me at all, no sweat. Sleep like a baby. As for gold and silver, all the precious metal I have is in one of my teeth. The one my dentist camouflaged with porcelain so that muggers wouldn't know I have and attempt an extraction on the spot... Few of them carry anesthetic around..."

His short response as he slammed the phone down wasn't, in the main, printable. I sat there picturing him, a good, considerate friend once, now hopelessly bitten by the bug of money. Not yet a millionaire — else he wouldn't be driving himself frantic in this way, real millionaires would all be fast asleep in this hour, happily dreaming of their money.

Real millionaires and those who, like yours truly, have long given up hope of joining them...

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

Thailand to send back displaced Cambodians

BANGKOK, June 26 (AFP) — Thailand hopes to clear the way for the mass repatriation of about 130,000 displaced Cambodians without delay, a top Thai refugee official said Friday.

Prasong Soonsiri, secretary-general of the powerful National Security Council, said Thailand was anxious to wrap up negotiations with representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) by the end of next week.

He said preparations were already under way for returning the Cambodians who poured into Thailand after the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia in late 1978. He said negotiations hinged on which border points were to be used for sending them back and which areas the international organizations would use to shelter them in Cambodia.

Protest halts Basque cities

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, June 26 (Agencies) — Spain's Basque country was virtually paralyzed Friday by a 10-minute midday silent protest against continuing political violence which has claimed 24 lives this year in the region.

Traffic stopped in big cities, workers downed tools and shop attendants and banks clerks halted work, widely heeding the protest call from the main political parties and trade unions.

A few hours earlier, a 25-year-old barman had been shot dead in the town of Hermani, and two bombs wrecked a power substation, cutting the electricity supply to three towns. The killing, if it proved to have been political, would be the 25th this year and the fourth this week.

The silent protest followed the killing of two young men, one of them a nationalist, in Tolosa two days ago. The anti-terrorist command said it suspected the separatist organization ETA (Basque homeland and liberty)

Spadolini gets signal to form cabinet

ROME, June 26 (AP) — Premier-designate Giovanni Spadolini received the go-ahead Friday to form Italy's 41st government after reaching agreement on a program and a distribution of cabinet seats among the five parties in his proposed coalition.

Spadolini, bidding to become the first non-Christian Democrat premier in Italy since 1945, announced he will present his list of cabinet ministers to President Sandro Per-

although two ultra-rightist groups claimed responsibility.

In a communique to Basque newspapers Thursday night ETA said it had not been involved in the Tolosa killings but claimed responsibility for fatally wounding a retired army colonel in Irun and bombing the University of Navarre, in Pamplona, earlier this week.

The radical Basque coalition Herri Batasuna, regarded as close to ETA, said the killings had been carried out by uncontrolled groups intent on spreading terror. It did not support the silent protest called for demonstrations later in the day.

In Madrid a court sentenced an alleged ETA guerrilla to 26 years and eight months in jail on charges of killing a retired army colonel last year. A military magistrate, Col. Balbino Tejero Pinon, started investigating the alleged involvement of four army officers in a possible conspiracy against the government four months after an abortive military coup.

Spadolini Saturday evening or Sunday morning to formally end the now month-long government crisis.

Agreement was announced after the 56-year-old Spadolini, a senator from the tiny Republican Party, met for four hours with the leaders of the other four parties — the Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats and Liberals.

Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi said they had agreed "on a program and on a balance (of cabinet seats) that are considered acceptable by the parties which will form the coalition." Flaminio Piccoli, Christian Democrat secretary, said the parties will now propose names for cabinet posts, whose actual selection is up to the premier-designate.

The powerful Communist Party, the largest Marxist party in the West, will remain in the opposition, although the party has indicated it might be willing to "soften" its opposition because the government will be headed by a non-Christian Democrat.

In the draft of his program announced last week, Spadolini also pledged to fight terrorism and to dissolve the secret Masonic lodge whose disclosure forced the last government out of office.

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